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Sample size: 2715 adults (16+) in GB

Fieldwork Dates: 21st - 24th September 2021



Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q1. How often, if at all, do you take a painkiller for an occasional pain, such as a headache?

Unweighted base	2715	1239	1476	199	686	841	989
Base	2714	1315	1399	367	672	804	871
Every day or most days	9%	8%	10%	4%	5%	10%	14%
Around once or twice a week	12%	10%	14%	13%	12%	12%	11%
Around once or twice a month	22%	17%	27%	22%	27%	24%	17%
Less often than once a month	44%	48%	41%	38%	42%	45%	48%
Never	10%	14%	6%	14%	12%	8%	9%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	0%	5%	1%	1%	0%

Q2. How often, if at all, do you take painkillers for constant or recurrent pain?

Unweighted base	2693	1231	1462	198	681	838	976
Base	2694	1307	1386	366	667	801	859
Every day or most days	13%	10%	16%	4%	7%	15%	21%
Around once or twice a week	6%	5%	8%	4%	6%	7%	8%
Around once or twice a month	7%	5%	9%	8%	6%	7%	8%
Less often than once a month	26%	26%	25%	20%	26%	28%	25%
Never	44%	49%	39%	51%	52%	42%	37%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	9%	3%	1%	1%
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	0%	4%	1%	1%	0%

Q3. Have you ever taken prescription drugs for pain, for a period of longer than a month?

Unweighted base	2714	1239	1475	199	686	840	989
Base	2713	1315	1398	367	672	803	871
I have	25%	21%	29%	11%	20%	29%	32%
I have not	70%	73%	68%	76%	75%	69%	66%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	8%	3%	2%	2%
Prefer not to say	2%	3%	1%	6%	2%	1%	0%

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	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q1. How often, if at all, do you take a painkiller for an occasional pain, such as a headache?

Unweighted base	2715	45	154	316	370	425	416	453	536	2302	127	215	71
Base	2714	185	182	330	342	409	395	392	480	2282	130	228	73
Every day or most days	9%	4%	4%	5%	6%	7%	13%	15%	13%	8%	10%	19%	12%
Around once or twice a week	12%	9%	17%	10%	15%	8%	15%	11%	11%	12%	10%	14%	11%
Around once or twice a month	22%	15%	29%	20%	33%	20%	29%	12%	22%	23%	20%	17%	21%
Less often than once a month	44%	42%	34%	46%	38%	51%	39%	48%	47%	44%	49%	39%	48%
Never	10%	17%	11%	17%	7%	12%	3%	14%	6%	10%	10%	10%	6%
Don't know	1%	4%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Prefer not to say	1%	9%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	-	0%	1%

Q2. How often, if at all, do you take painkillers for constant or recurrent pain?

Unweighted base	2693	45	153	314	367	422	416	450	526	2286	124	212	71
Base	2694	185	181	328	340	406	395	389	470	2267	128	226	73
Every day or most days	13%	4%	5%	4%	9%	10%	20%	20%	22%	12%	17%	22%	11%
Around once or twice a week	6%	4%	4%	4%	8%	5%	8%	7%	9%	7%	5%	6%	2%
Around once or twice a month	7%	4%	13%	5%	7%	5%	9%	6%	9%	7%	7%	5%	13%
Less often than once a month	26%	18%	21%	24%	27%	30%	26%	25%	25%	25%	27%	28%	27%
Never	44%	54%	47%	57%	47%	49%	36%	41%	33%	45%	43%	37%	41%
Don't know	3%	9%	9%	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	5%
Prefer not to say	1%	7%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	-	-	1%

Q3. Have you ever taken prescription drugs for pain, for a period of longer than a month?

Unweighted base	2714	45	154	316	370	425	415	453	536	2301	127	215	71
Base	2713	185	182	330	342	409	394	392	480	2281	130	228	73
I have	25%	6%	16%	16%	23%	21%	37%	32%	33%	24%	28%	36%	18%
I have not	70%	72%	79%	77%	74%	76%	61%	66%	65%	71%	70%	61%	81%
Don't know	3%	11%	4%	4%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	-
Prefer not to say	2%	11%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	-	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%

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Total	Region UK								Social Grade	
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q1. How often, if at all, do you take a painkiller for an occasional pain, such as a headache?

Unweighted base	2715	653	440	234	337	638	127	215	71	1674	1041
Base	2714	633	436	229	356	628	130	228	73	1544	1171
Every day or most days	9%	8%	10%	8%	4%	9%	10%	19%	12%	8%	11%
Around once or twice a week	12%	13%	11%	8%	13%	12%	10%	14%	11%	12%	11%
Around once or twice a month	22%	23%	23%	23%	23%	23%	20%	17%	21%	23%	21%
Less often than once a month	44%	45%	47%	47%	45%	40%	49%	39%	48%	46%	41%
Never	10%	9%	8%	11%	13%	12%	10%	10%	6%	9%	12%
Don't know	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	-	0%	1%	1%	2%

Q2. How often, if at all, do you take painkillers for constant or recurrent pain?

Unweighted base	2693	648	437	231	337	633	124	212	71	1664	1029
Base	2694	628	434	226	356	623	128	226	73	1535	1159
Every day or most days	13%	14%	14%	10%	7%	13%	17%	22%	11%	12%	15%
Around once or twice a week	6%	7%	6%	3%	9%	7%	5%	6%	2%	7%	6%
Around once or twice a month	7%	8%	7%	9%	7%	6%	7%	5%	13%	7%	8%
Less often than once a month	26%	27%	24%	31%	25%	23%	27%	28%	27%	27%	24%
Never	44%	43%	46%	43%	48%	45%	43%	37%	41%	46%	42%
Don't know	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	5%	1%	4%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	0%	2%

Q3. Have you ever taken prescription drugs for pain, for a period of longer than a month?

Unweighted base	2714	653	440	234	336	638	127	215	71	1674	1040
Base	2713	633	436	229	355	628	130	228	73	1544	1170
I have	25%	26%	25%	20%	21%	25%	28%	36%	18%	24%	27%
I have not	70%	70%	71%	76%	72%	69%	70%	61%	81%	73%	67%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	-	2%	3%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%

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Total	Marital status							2019 GE election vote			Recreational drug use - overall	
	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)

Q1. How often, if at all, do you take a painkiller for an occasional pain, such as a headache?

Unweighted base	2715	29	202	390	1168	696	43	115	892	821	268	1050	1573
Base	2714	29	179	392	1085	789	44	103	844	799	248	1046	1559
Every day or most days	9%	15%	13%	7%	10%	6%	20%	20%	10%	9%	7%	8%	10%
Around once or twice a week	12%	14%	10%	14%	12%	12%	19%	3%	14%	11%	9%	14%	10%
Around once or twice a month	22%	12%	19%	23%	22%	24%	22%	22%	19%	27%	24%	24%	21%
Less often than once a month	44%	53%	46%	44%	47%	41%	31%	43%	46%	43%	51%	44%	46%
Never	10%	3%	11%	11%	7%	13%	8%	10%	10%	8%	7%	9%	11%
Don't know	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	2%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Prefer not to say	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%

Q2. How often, if at all, do you take painkillers for constant or recurrent pain?

Unweighted base	2693	28	200	389	1156	694	43	111	881	817	267	1045	1560
Base	2694	28	177	391	1074	788	44	98	833	795	248	1041	1548
Every day or most days	13%	27%	19%	9%	16%	7%	24%	31%	15%	13%	13%	13%	14%
Around once or twice a week	6%	13%	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%	8%	7%	5%	7%	6%
Around once or twice a month	7%	-	8%	7%	8%	7%	5%	10%	7%	8%	6%	8%	7%
Less often than once a month	26%	31%	24%	30%	27%	23%	23%	18%	26%	28%	25%	26%	26%
Never	44%	25%	39%	47%	42%	49%	39%	33%	42%	44%	47%	45%	44%
Don't know	3%	-	2%	1%	1%	5%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Prefer not to say	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	2%	-	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

Q3. Have you ever taken prescription drugs for pain, for a period of longer than a month?

Unweighted base	2714	29	202	390	1168	695	43	115	892	820	268	1049	1573
Base	2713	29	179	392	1085	788	44	103	844	798	248	1045	1559
I have	25%	34%	32%	22%	27%	19%	48%	40%	28%	26%	23%	28%	25%
I have not	70%	57%	67%	75%	70%	74%	46%	54%	69%	71%	72%	70%	72%
Don't know	3%	6%	0%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%
Prefer not to say	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	3%	4%	4%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		Are you big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is a problem?
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q1. How often, if at all, do you take a painkiller for an occasional pain, such as a headache?

Unweighted base	2715	1050	1573	91	1038	1588	362	2292	1560	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2714	1046	1559	105	1035	1573	381	2257	1498	1165	219	811	1432
Every day or most days	9%	8%	10%	5%	8%	10%	9%	9%	15%	2%	11%	8%	11%
Around once or twice a week	12%	14%	10%	11%	14%	10%	17%	11%	14%	9%	17%	13%	13%
Around once or twice a month	22%	24%	21%	17%	24%	21%	20%	23%	22%	23%	23%	25%	21%
Less often than once a month	44%	44%	46%	29%	44%	46%	44%	45%	41%	50%	41%	45%	44%
Never	10%	9%	11%	6%	9%	11%	9%	10%	6%	16%	7%	9%	10%
Don't know	1%	0%	1%	16%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	0%	1%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	0%	16%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

Q2. How often, if at all, do you take painkillers for constant or recurrent pain?

Unweighted base	2693	1045	1560	87	1033	1575	360	2274	1544	1119	199	834	1415
Base	2694	1041	1548	101	1029	1562	379	2241	1483	1161	217	809	1423
Every day or most days	13%	13%	14%	6%	13%	14%	10%	14%	23%	2%	11%	13%	15%
Around once or twice a week	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%	6%	9%	4%	8%	6%	7%
Around once or twice a month	7%	8%	7%	2%	8%	7%	7%	7%	9%	5%	9%	7%	8%
Less often than once a month	26%	26%	26%	19%	26%	25%	25%	26%	27%	25%	23%	27%	27%
Never	44%	45%	44%	32%	46%	44%	49%	44%	32%	61%	46%	45%	41%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	19%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	0%	16%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%

Q3. Have you ever taken prescription drugs for pain, for a period of longer than a month?

Unweighted base	2714	1049	1573	91	1037	1588	362	2291	1559	1123	201	835	1424
Base	2713	1045	1559	105	1034	1573	381	2256	1497	1165	219	810	1431
I have	25%	28%	25%	10%	28%	25%	25%	26%	37%	11%	29%	27%	28%
I have not	70%	70%	72%	50%	70%	72%	71%	72%	59%	87%	67%	71%	69%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	18%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%
Prefer not to say	2%	0%	1%	23%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	-	0%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q4. How many prescription drugs do you currently take?

Unweighted base	2713	1237	1476	198	686	841	988
Base	2709	1310	1399	363	672	804	870
None	43%	47%	39%	57%	56%	47%	24%
One	18%	15%	20%	18%	22%	18%	14%
Two	13%	9%	15%	11%	11%	11%	15%
Three	7%	6%	8%	1%	3%	6%	13%
Four	6%	6%	5%	2%	4%	5%	9%
Five	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	5%
More than five	9%	10%	8%	1%	2%	8%	18%
Don't know	2%	3%	1%	8%	1%	1%	0%

Q5. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with prescription drugs?

Unweighted base	2712	1238	1474	197	686	841	988
Base	2708	1311	1397	362	672	804	870
I do	9%	9%	10%	6%	13%	11%	6%
I do not	85%	84%	86%	82%	81%	84%	90%
Don't know	5%	7%	4%	11%	6%	5%	3%

Q6. How dangerous, if at all, do you think prescription drugs are if taken regularly for a longer period of time than prescribed?

Unweighted base	2712	1238	1474	197	686	840	989
Base	2708	1311	1397	362	672	803	871
Very dangerous	28%	24%	32%	23%	29%	28%	30%
Fairly dangerous	49%	50%	48%	51%	52%	51%	45%
Not very dangerous	8%	10%	6%	10%	7%	7%	9%
Not dangerous at all	2%	2%	1%	5%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	13%	14%	13%	12%	11%	13%	15%

Q7. Have you ever been prescribed prescription drugs when you thought it was unnecessary?

Unweighted base	2713	1237	1476	198	686	840	989
Base	2709	1310	1399	363	672	803	871
I have	16%	15%	17%	15%	17%	18%	15%
I have not	76%	75%	76%	71%	74%	75%	80%
Don't know	8%	9%	6%	14%	9%	6%	5%

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Q4. How many prescription drugs do you currently take?

Unweighted base	2713	44	154	316	370	425	416	452	536	2301	126	215	71
Base	2709	181	182	330	342	409	395	390	480	2278	129	228	73
None	43%	63%	51%	63%	49%	52%	41%	21%	26%	44%	39%	37%	45%
One	18%	8%	27%	18%	27%	17%	19%	14%	14%	18%	19%	17%	13%
Two	13%	11%	12%	10%	12%	9%	14%	9%	20%	11%	14%	20%	22%
Three	7%	-	3%	2%	5%	5%	7%	14%	13%	7%	8%	6%	5%
Four	6%	2%	2%	3%	4%	5%	5%	12%	8%	6%	8%	3%	3%
Five	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%
More than five	9%	-	1%	1%	2%	7%	10%	24%	14%	9%	7%	13%	9%
Don't know	2%	13%	3%	2%	0%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	-

Q5. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with prescription drugs?

Unweighted base	2712	44	153	316	370	425	416	453	535	2299	127	215	71
Base	2708	181	181	330	342	409	395	392	479	2276	130	228	73
I do	9%	4%	8%	14%	12%	9%	13%	6%	7%	9%	12%	17%	9%
I do not	85%	81%	84%	77%	85%	86%	82%	91%	90%	85%	87%	80%	86%
Don't know	5%	15%	8%	8%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	6%	1%	3%	4%

Q6. How dangerous, if at all, do you think prescription drugs are if taken regularly for a longer period of time than prescribed?

Unweighted base	2712	44	153	316	370	425	415	453	536	2299	127	215	71
Base	2708	181	181	330	342	409	394	392	480	2276	130	228	73
Very dangerous	28%	17%	29%	24%	34%	28%	28%	22%	35%	28%	31%	32%	25%
Fairly dangerous	49%	54%	48%	51%	52%	52%	50%	46%	43%	49%	45%	49%	57%
Not very dangerous	8%	11%	8%	9%	5%	7%	7%	13%	6%	8%	7%	7%	6%
Not dangerous at all	2%	7%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Don't know	13%	12%	12%	14%	8%	12%	14%	16%	14%	13%	15%	10%	11%

Q7. Have you ever been prescribed prescription drugs when you thought it was unnecessary?

Unweighted base	2713	44	154	316	370	424	416	453	536	2300	127	215	71
Base	2709	181	182	330	342	408	395	392	480	2277	130	228	73
I have	16%	14%	16%	14%	19%	17%	20%	16%	15%	16%	16%	17%	23%
I have not	76%	69%	74%	76%	72%	74%	77%	79%	80%	76%	76%	78%	74%
Don't know	8%	18%	11%	10%	8%	9%	4%	5%	5%	8%	8%	5%	4%

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Q4. How many prescription drugs do you currently take?

Unweighted base	2713	653	440	234	337	637	126	215	71	1674	1039
Base	2709	633	436	229	356	624	129	228	73	1544	1166
None	43%	42%	48%	45%	47%	40%	39%	37%	45%	43%	43%
One	18%	16%	20%	19%	16%	20%	19%	17%	13%	18%	17%
Two	13%	14%	9%	9%	13%	11%	14%	20%	22%	13%	12%
Three	7%	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	8%	6%	5%	7%	7%
Four	6%	7%	4%	6%	7%	6%	8%	3%	3%	6%	6%
Five	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%
More than five	9%	9%	8%	7%	8%	9%	7%	13%	9%	8%	10%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	-	1%	-	1%	3%

Q5. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with prescription drugs?

Unweighted base	2712	652	440	233	337	637	127	215	71	1674	1038
Base	2708	632	436	228	356	624	130	228	73	1544	1165
I do	9%	11%	8%	5%	6%	9%	12%	17%	9%	9%	10%
I do not	85%	84%	88%	88%	87%	84%	87%	80%	86%	87%	82%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%	7%	7%	7%	1%	3%	4%	4%	7%

Q6. How dangerous, if at all, do you think prescription drugs are if taken regularly for a longer period of time than prescribed?

Unweighted base	2712	653	439	234	337	636	127	215	71	1674	1038
Base	2708	633	435	229	356	623	130	228	73	1544	1165
Very dangerous	28%	29%	29%	24%	31%	25%	31%	32%	25%	28%	28%
Fairly dangerous	49%	50%	49%	50%	45%	50%	45%	49%	57%	50%	48%
Not very dangerous	8%	7%	9%	10%	8%	9%	7%	7%	6%	8%	7%
Not dangerous at all	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Don't know	13%	13%	13%	15%	13%	14%	15%	10%	11%	11%	16%

Q7. Have you ever been prescribed prescription drugs when you thought it was unnecessary?

Unweighted base	2713	652	440	234	337	637	127	215	71	1673	1040
Base	2709	632	436	229	356	624	130	228	73	1543	1167
I have	16%	16%	15%	13%	20%	16%	16%	17%	23%	16%	17%
I have not	76%	76%	78%	81%	70%	75%	78%	78%	74%	78%	73%
Don't know	8%	8%	7%	6%	10%	9%	8%	5%	4%	6%	11%

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Q4. How many prescription drugs do you currently take?

Unweighted base	2713	29	202	390	1167	696	43	115	892	820	268	1050	1572
Base	2709	29	179	392	1084	789	44	103	844	798	248	1046	1558
None	43%	45%	29%	50%	38%	52%	35%	17%	38%	45%	37%	45%	42%
One	18%	9%	16%	20%	18%	19%	13%	7%	17%	20%	20%	18%	18%
Two	13%	13%	18%	13%	13%	10%	8%	15%	13%	11%	15%	13%	13%
Three	7%	3%	12%	5%	9%	4%	16%	10%	9%	6%	10%	7%	7%
Four	6%	3%	7%	4%	7%	4%	6%	18%	7%	5%	6%	7%	5%
Five	3%	3%	4%	1%	4%	2%	6%	8%	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%
More than five	9%	24%	13%	6%	11%	5%	13%	23%	12%	7%	8%	7%	10%
Don't know	2%	-	-	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Q5. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with prescription drugs?

Unweighted base	2712	28	202	390	1168	695	43	115	891	821	267	1049	1572
Base	2708	28	179	392	1085	789	44	103	843	799	247	1045	1558
I do	9%	20%	11%	12%	8%	9%	8%	7%	7%	10%	8%	16%	5%
I do not	85%	77%	88%	83%	89%	82%	79%	85%	90%	85%	88%	80%	90%
Don't know	5%	3%	1%	5%	3%	9%	13%	8%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%

Q6. How dangerous, if at all, do you think prescription drugs are if taken regularly for a longer period of time than prescribed?

Unweighted base	2712	29	202	390	1168	694	43	115	892	821	268	1049	1573
Base	2708	29	179	392	1085	787	44	103	844	799	248	1045	1559
Very dangerous	28%	23%	31%	27%	30%	26%	24%	28%	29%	28%	23%	29%	29%
Fairly dangerous	49%	39%	43%	54%	48%	50%	49%	41%	47%	52%	52%	52%	49%
Not very dangerous	8%	19%	8%	8%	6%	9%	12%	15%	11%	6%	10%	8%	8%
Not dangerous at all	2%	-	2%	2%	1%	2%	-	6%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Don't know	13%	19%	15%	10%	14%	14%	14%	9%	12%	12%	14%	10%	13%

Q7. Have you ever been prescribed prescription drugs when you thought it was unnecessary?

Unweighted base	2713	29	202	390	1167	696	43	115	891	821	268	1049	1573
Base	2709	29	179	392	1084	789	44	103	843	799	248	1045	1559
I have	16%	16%	18%	16%	16%	17%	24%	12%	15%	17%	16%	21%	14%
I have not	76%	69%	77%	80%	78%	72%	67%	82%	79%	77%	78%	73%	80%
Don't know	8%	15%	6%	5%	6%	11%	9%	6%	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is?
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q4. How many prescription drugs do you currently take?

Unweighted base	2713	1050	1572	91	1038	1587	362	2291	1560	1123	201	836	1424
Base	2709	1046	1558	105	1035	1572	381	2256	1498	1165	219	811	1431
None	43%	45%	42%	38%	46%	42%	42%	44%	-	100%	48%	45%	41%
One	18%	18%	18%	14%	18%	18%	20%	18%	32%	-	17%	18%	18%
Two	13%	13%	13%	2%	13%	13%	17%	12%	23%	-	16%	12%	14%
Three	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	7%	13%	-	5%	7%	7%
Four	6%	7%	5%	2%	7%	5%	5%	6%	11%	-	6%	7%	6%
Five	3%	2%	4%	5%	2%	4%	2%	4%	6%	-	1%	3%	3%
More than five	9%	7%	10%	3%	7%	10%	6%	10%	16%	-	5%	8%	10%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	29%	1%	1%	2%	0%	-	-	0%	1%	1%

Q5. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with prescription drugs?

Unweighted base	2712	1049	1572	91	1037	1587	362	2290	1558	1123	200	836	1424
Base	2708	1045	1558	105	1034	1572	381	2255	1496	1165	218	811	1431
I do	9%	16%	5%	4%	16%	6%	22%	7%	10%	9%	24%	14%	12%
I do not	85%	80%	90%	57%	80%	90%	74%	88%	85%	87%	72%	82%	84%
Don't know	5%	4%	4%	40%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

Q6. How dangerous, if at all, do you think prescription drugs are if taken regularly for a longer period of time than prescribed?

Unweighted base	2712	1049	1573	90	1038	1587	361	2291	1558	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2708	1045	1559	104	1035	1572	380	2256	1496	1165	219	811	1432
Very dangerous	28%	29%	29%	16%	29%	28%	29%	28%	26%	32%	27%	29%	34%
Fairly dangerous	49%	52%	49%	26%	52%	49%	51%	50%	47%	53%	50%	52%	48%
Not very dangerous	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	8%	11%	8%	10%	5%	14%	7%	7%
Not dangerous at all	2%	1%	2%	6%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	-	1%	1%
Don't know	13%	10%	13%	45%	10%	13%	7%	13%	14%	9%	8%	11%	10%

Q7. Have you ever been prescribed prescription drugs when you thought it was unnecessary?

Unweighted base	2713	1049	1573	91	1037	1588	362	2291	1560	1122	201	835	1424
Base	2709	1045	1559	105	1034	1573	381	2256	1498	1164	219	811	1431
I have	16%	21%	14%	13%	21%	14%	26%	15%	17%	16%	22%	21%	19%
I have not	76%	73%	80%	41%	73%	80%	69%	79%	76%	78%	74%	73%	75%
Don't know	8%	6%	6%	46%	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	5%	4%	6%	6%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q8. Have you ever wanted to be prescribed prescription drugs but been denied them?

Unweighted base	2703	1235	1468	197	684	837	985
Base	2700	1308	1392	362	671	800	868
I have	12%	11%	14%	8%	17%	15%	9%
I have not	83%	83%	83%	78%	79%	82%	90%
Don't know	4%	5%	4%	14%	5%	3%	2%

Q9. Have you ever taken prescription drugs that were not prescribed to you, but that you obtained by other means?

Unweighted base	2709	1235	1474	196	684	841	988
Base	2704	1307	1397	360	670	804	870
I have	14%	14%	14%	12%	20%	15%	9%
I have not	83%	82%	84%	76%	75%	83%	91%
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	9%	2%	1%	0%

Q10. Do you or does anyone you know take drugs designed to tackle Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)?

Unweighted base	2712	1238	1474	197	686	840	989
Base	2708	1311	1397	362	672	804	871
I take drugs for ADD	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	-	-
I don't, but I know other people who take drugs for ADD	12%	11%	14%	18%	17%	11%	7%
I don't take them or know anyone who takes them	80%	80%	80%	68%	73%	82%	89%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know	6%	7%	5%	9%	7%	5%	4%

Q11. How much, if at all, would you say you know about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2713	1237	1476	197	686	841	989
Base	2706	1307	1399	359	672	804	871
A lot	9%	13%	6%	8%	12%	13%	4%
Some	41%	42%	40%	42%	42%	44%	37%
Not very much	38%	34%	42%	30%	36%	34%	46%
Nothing at all	10%	9%	11%	14%	8%	7%	13%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	6%	2%	1%	-

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender								Part of the UK			
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q8. Have you ever wanted to be prescribed prescription drugs but been denied them?

Unweighted base	2703	44	153	314	370	424	413	453	532	2292	127	214	70
Base	2700	181	181	328	342	408	392	392	476	2270	130	227	72
I have	12%	4%	12%	14%	19%	14%	15%	9%	8%	12%	12%	14%	17%
I have not	83%	78%	78%	81%	76%	82%	82%	89%	90%	83%	87%	84%	80%
Don't know	4%	18%	10%	5%	5%	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%	3%

Q9. Have you ever taken prescription drugs that were not prescribed to you, but that you obtained by other means?

Unweighted base	2709	44	152	314	370	425	416	452	536	2298	126	214	71
Base	2704	181	180	327	342	409	395	390	480	2274	129	227	73
I have	14%	13%	11%	18%	23%	16%	14%	9%	8%	14%	15%	18%	12%
I have not	83%	70%	82%	78%	73%	82%	84%	90%	91%	83%	85%	80%	85%
Prefer not to say	1%	7%	-	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	11%	7%	3%	2%	1%	1%	-	0%	2%	-	1%	1%

Q10. Do you or does anyone you know take drugs designed to tackle Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)?

Unweighted base	2712	44	153	316	370	425	415	453	536	2299	127	215	71
Base	2708	181	181	330	342	409	395	392	480	2276	130	228	73
I take drugs for ADD	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-
I don't, but I know other people who take drugs for ADD	12%	16%	20%	16%	18%	10%	13%	6%	8%	12%	12%	14%	13%
I don't take them or know anyone who takes them	80%	71%	65%	72%	74%	83%	82%	89%	88%	80%	84%	78%	83%
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	5%	2%	0%	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	-	0%	3%
Don't know	6%	9%	10%	7%	6%	7%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	7%	1%

Q11. How much, if at all, would you say you know about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2713	43	154	316	370	425	416	453	536	2300	127	215	71
Base	2706	177	182	330	342	409	395	392	480	2274	130	228	73
A lot	9%	11%	5%	17%	8%	18%	9%	6%	2%	9%	5%	13%	7%
Some	41%	39%	45%	42%	41%	45%	43%	40%	35%	41%	43%	40%	32%
Not very much	38%	24%	36%	33%	39%	30%	39%	43%	49%	38%	44%	31%	41%
Nothing at all	10%	18%	9%	5%	10%	5%	8%	12%	14%	9%	8%	14%	18%
Don't know	2%	7%	5%	2%	2%	2%	1%	-	-	2%	-	2%	1%

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Total	Region UK								Social Grade	
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q8. Have you ever wanted to be prescribed prescription drugs but been denied them?

Unweighted base	2703	652	438	232	335	635	127	214	70	1669	1034
Base	2700	632	435	227	354	622	130	227	72	1540	1161
I have	12%	11%	14%	10%	15%	11%	12%	14%	17%	12%	13%
I have not	83%	85%	82%	87%	80%	82%	87%	84%	80%	86%	80%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	7%	1%	2%	3%	2%	7%

Q9. Have you ever taken prescription drugs that were not prescribed to you, but that you obtained by other means?

Unweighted base	2709	651	440	234	336	637	126	214	71	1672	1037
Base	2704	631	436	229	354	624	129	227	73	1541	1163
I have	14%	17%	14%	12%	12%	11%	15%	18%	12%	14%	14%
I have not	83%	81%	84%	84%	84%	82%	85%	80%	85%	84%	81%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	-	1%	1%	1%	4%

Q10. Do you or does anyone you know take drugs designed to tackle Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)?

Unweighted base	2712	651	440	234	337	637	127	215	71	1674	1038
Base	2708	631	436	229	356	624	130	228	73	1544	1165
I take drugs for ADD	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	1%
I don't, but I know other people who take drugs for ADD	12%	11%	12%	10%	17%	12%	12%	14%	13%	13%	11%
I don't take them or know anyone who takes them	80%	80%	82%	85%	74%	80%	84%	78%	83%	81%	79%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	0%	3%	1%	1%
Don't know	6%	7%	5%	5%	6%	7%	3%	7%	1%	4%	8%

Q11. How much, if at all, would you say you know about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2713	653	440	234	337	636	127	215	71	1674	1039
Base	2706	633	436	229	356	620	130	228	73	1544	1163
A lot	9%	12%	10%	6%	7%	9%	5%	13%	7%	8%	11%
Some	41%	41%	41%	38%	44%	41%	43%	40%	32%	43%	39%
Not very much	38%	36%	38%	45%	38%	39%	44%	31%	41%	40%	36%
Nothing at all	10%	10%	9%	10%	9%	9%	8%	14%	18%	9%	12%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	-	2%	1%	1%	3%

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Q8. Have you ever wanted to be prescribed prescription drugs but been denied them?

Unweighted base	2703	28	201	388	1165	692	43	115	890	819	265	1043	1569
Base	2700	28	178	390	1083	786	44	103	842	797	246	1040	1556
I have	12%	15%	16%	15%	11%	13%	15%	13%	12%	15%	9%	19%	8%
I have not	83%	70%	83%	82%	87%	79%	74%	81%	87%	82%	87%	78%	89%
Don't know	4%	15%	1%	3%	2%	8%	10%	6%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%

Q9. Have you ever taken prescription drugs that were not prescribed to you, but that you obtained by other means?

Unweighted base	2709	28	201	390	1168	694	42	115	892	820	267	1049	1570
Base	2704	28	177	392	1085	787	42	103	844	798	247	1045	1556
I have	14%	16%	14%	20%	12%	14%	19%	9%	12%	18%	11%	27%	6%
I have not	83%	75%	85%	76%	87%	80%	79%	83%	87%	79%	87%	71%	93%
Prefer not to say	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	6%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	9%	-	1%	1%	5%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%

Q10. Do you or does anyone you know take drugs designed to tackle Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)?

Unweighted base	2712	28	202	390	1167	696	43	115	892	820	267	1049	1572
Base	2708	28	179	392	1085	789	44	103	844	798	247	1045	1559
I take drugs for ADD	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	-	0%	-	2%	-
I don't, but I know other people who take drugs for ADD	12%	11%	9%	13%	11%	15%	19%	9%	8%	16%	9%	18%	9%
I don't take them or know anyone who takes them	80%	83%	87%	79%	83%	75%	71%	80%	87%	77%	85%	75%	86%
Prefer not to say	1%	-	-	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Don't know	6%	7%	3%	5%	4%	8%	8%	9%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%

Q11. How much, if at all, would you say you know about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2713	29	202	390	1168	695	43	115	892	821	268	1050	1573
Base	2706	29	179	392	1085	785	44	103	844	799	248	1046	1559
A lot	9%	21%	7%	12%	7%	12%	11%	2%	8%	12%	8%	17%	5%
Some	41%	38%	38%	50%	41%	39%	42%	30%	38%	46%	44%	57%	31%
Not very much	38%	20%	47%	31%	41%	36%	41%	45%	44%	35%	44%	24%	49%
Nothing at all	10%	12%	8%	6%	10%	9%	4%	22%	11%	6%	4%	2%	15%
Don't know	2%	9%	-	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is? Very big problem/ Fairly big problem
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	

Q8. Have you ever wanted to be prescribed prescription drugs but been denied them?

Unweighted base	2703	1043	1569	91	1031	1584	358	2285	1552	1120	199	831	1419
Base	2700	1040	1556	105	1028	1570	377	2251	1490	1162	217	807	1426
I have	12%	19%	8%	8%	19%	8%	29%	10%	17%	7%	31%	16%	15%
I have not	83%	78%	89%	46%	78%	89%	68%	87%	79%	90%	66%	82%	83%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%	46%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%

Q9. Have you ever taken prescription drugs that were not prescribed to you, but that you obtained by other means?

Unweighted base	2709	1049	1570	90	1037	1585	362	2288	1557	1121	200	836	1421
Base	2704	1045	1556	103	1034	1570	381	2253	1494	1162	218	811	1428
I have	14%	27%	6%	9%	27%	6%	41%	10%	16%	12%	46%	22%	16%
I have not	83%	71%	93%	41%	71%	93%	57%	89%	82%	86%	52%	76%	82%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	10%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	40%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Q10. Do you or does anyone you know take drugs designed to tackle Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)?

Unweighted base	2712	1049	1572	91	1037	1587	362	2290	1558	1123	200	836	1423
Base	2708	1045	1559	105	1034	1572	381	2255	1496	1165	218	811	1430
I take drugs for ADD	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	0%	4%	0%	1%	0%	4%	1%	1%
I don't, but I know other people who take drugs for ADD	12%	18%	9%	6%	18%	9%	21%	11%	13%	12%	22%	16%	14%
I don't take them or know anyone who takes them	80%	75%	86%	44%	75%	86%	68%	84%	81%	82%	64%	79%	79%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	8%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	6%	5%	4%	41%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	8%	4%	5%

Q11. How much, if at all, would you say you know about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2713	1050	1573	90	1038	1588	362	2292	1560	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2706	1046	1559	101	1035	1573	381	2257	1498	1165	219	811	1432
A lot	9%	17%	5%	7%	17%	5%	35%	5%	9%	10%	33%	12%	10%
Some	41%	57%	31%	23%	58%	31%	54%	39%	42%	41%	57%	57%	44%
Not very much	38%	24%	49%	29%	24%	49%	8%	44%	39%	38%	10%	28%	36%
Nothing at all	10%	2%	15%	6%	2%	15%	3%	11%	10%	9%	0%	2%	8%
Don't know	2%	0%	1%	36%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	-	0%	0%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q12. Have you ever taken any soft drugs (for example, cannabis or speed)?

Unweighted base	2703	1234	1469	197	684	839	983
Base	2700	1308	1393	362	671	802	866
I have, many times	15%	19%	11%	10%	23%	21%	6%
I have, once or twice	23%	23%	24%	16%	28%	28%	18%
I have not	58%	54%	62%	64%	45%	48%	76%
Prefer not to say	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	0%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	7%	2%	1%	-

Q13. Have you ever taken any hard drugs (for example, cocaine or heroin)?

Unweighted base	2709	1236	1473	198	684	839	988
Base	2705	1309	1396	363	670	802	870
I have, many times	5%	7%	4%	4%	10%	6%	1%
I have, once or twice	9%	12%	6%	10%	14%	10%	4%
I have not	83%	79%	88%	79%	73%	82%	95%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	7%	1%	1%	0%

Q12_Q13_rcy2. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2623	1195	1428	179	655	808	981
Base	2606	1254	1352	325	643	774	864
Yes	40%	44%	36%	29%	54%	51%	24%
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	60%	56%	64%	71%	46%	49%	76%

Q12_Q13_rcy3. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2714	1238	1476	198	686	841	989
Base	2710	1311	1399	363	672	804	871
Yes	39%	42%	35%	26%	52%	49%	24%
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	58%	53%	61%	63%	44%	47%	75%
Prefer not to say/ Don't know	4%	4%	3%	10%	4%	4%	1%

Q14. Have you ever felt peer pressure to take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	1235	1474	197	686	840	986
Base	2706	1309	1397	362	672	803	869
I have felt peer pressured and did end up taking drugs	7%	7%	6%	7%	12%	7%	2%
I have felt peer pressured but did not end up taking drugs	11%	11%	11%	15%	16%	11%	6%
I have not felt peer pressured to take recreational drugs	80%	79%	81%	71%	70%	80%	92%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	7%	3%	2%	0%

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	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q12. Have you ever taken any soft drugs (for example, cannabis or speed)?

Unweighted base	2703	44	153	316	368	423	416	451	532	2291	127	214	71
Base	2700	181	181	330	341	407	395	390	476	2269	130	227	73
I have, many times	15%	12%	7%	27%	19%	25%	16%	10%	3%	15%	13%	19%	8%
I have, once or twice	23%	18%	14%	26%	31%	28%	28%	17%	18%	23%	23%	25%	32%
I have not	58%	58%	70%	43%	47%	43%	53%	73%	78%	58%	63%	55%	55%
Prefer not to say	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	4%
Don't know	2%	9%	5%	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	2%	-	1%	1%

Q13. Have you ever taken any hard drugs (for example, cocaine or heroin)?

Unweighted base	2709	44	154	315	369	424	415	453	535	2297	127	214	71
Base	2705	181	182	328	342	408	394	392	478	2274	130	227	73
I have, many times	5%	3%	4%	13%	7%	7%	5%	2%	0%	5%	4%	7%	2%
I have, once or twice	9%	16%	4%	14%	13%	13%	7%	6%	2%	8%	13%	11%	11%
I have not	83%	72%	87%	70%	76%	77%	87%	91%	97%	84%	83%	81%	84%
Prefer not to say	1%	-	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	-	0%	1%	-	0%	1%
Don't know	2%	9%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	-	2%	-	1%	1%

Q12_Q13_rcy2. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2623	39	140	302	353	405	403	449	532	2221	126	209	67
Base	2606	160	165	315	327	390	384	388	476	2184	129	222	70
Yes	40%	34%	24%	56%	53%	56%	45%	27%	22%	40%	36%	44%	42%
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	60%	66%	76%	44%	47%	44%	55%	73%	78%	60%	64%	56%	58%

Q12_Q13_rcy3. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2714	44	154	316	370	425	416	453	536	2301	127	215	71
Base	2710	181	182	330	342	409	395	392	480	2278	130	228	73
Yes	39%	30%	22%	53%	50%	54%	44%	27%	22%	38%	36%	43%	40%
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	58%	58%	69%	42%	45%	42%	53%	73%	77%	58%	63%	54%	55%
Prefer not to say/ Don't know	4%	11%	9%	4%	4%	5%	3%	1%	1%	4%	1%	3%	5%

Q14. Have you ever felt peer pressure to take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	44	153	316	370	424	416	451	535	2296	127	215	71
Base	2706	181	181	330	342	408	395	390	479	2274	130	228	73
I have felt peer pressured and did end up taking drugs	7%	10%	4%	11%	12%	7%	7%	2%	1%	6%	4%	9%	10%
I have felt peer pressured but did not end up taking drugs	11%	16%	14%	14%	17%	10%	11%	7%	5%	11%	7%	13%	12%
I have not felt peer pressured to take recreational drugs	80%	66%	76%	72%	68%	80%	80%	90%	93%	80%	89%	77%	76%
Don't know	2%	8%	5%	3%	3%	3%	1%	-	1%	3%	-	2%	3%

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Total	Region UK								Social Grade	
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q12. Have you ever taken any soft drugs (for example, cannabis or speed)?

Unweighted base	2703	651	438	232	335	635	127	214	71	1667	1036
Base	2700	631	435	227	354	622	130	227	73	1537	1163
I have, many times	15%	16%	13%	16%	14%	16%	13%	19%	8%	15%	15%
I have, once or twice	23%	23%	22%	20%	26%	22%	23%	25%	32%	26%	20%
I have not	58%	58%	62%	62%	55%	57%	63%	55%	55%	57%	60%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	-	1%	1%	1%	3%

Q13. Have you ever taken any hard drugs (for example, cocaine or heroin)?

Unweighted base	2709	650	439	234	337	637	127	214	71	1670	1039
Base	2705	630	436	229	356	624	130	227	73	1539	1166
I have, many times	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	4%	7%	2%	5%	6%
I have, once or twice	9%	8%	7%	6%	13%	8%	13%	11%	11%	10%	8%
I have not	83%	85%	85%	88%	77%	84%	83%	81%	84%	84%	83%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	-	1%	1%	1%	3%

Q12_Q13_rcy2. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2623	636	423	227	319	616	126	209	67	1631	992
Base	2606	614	420	222	335	592	129	222	70	1501	1105
Yes	40%	40%	37%	37%	43%	41%	36%	44%	42%	42%	37%
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	60%	60%	63%	63%	57%	59%	64%	56%	58%	58%	63%

Q12_Q13_rcy3. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2714	653	440	234	337	637	127	215	71	1674	1040
Base	2710	633	436	229	356	624	130	228	73	1544	1167
Yes	39%	39%	35%	36%	41%	39%	36%	43%	40%	41%	35%
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	58%	58%	61%	61%	53%	56%	63%	54%	55%	56%	59%
Prefer not to say/ Don't know	4%	3%	4%	3%	6%	5%	1%	3%	5%	3%	5%

Q14. Have you ever felt peer pressure to take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	652	440	234	337	633	127	215	71	1670	1039
Base	2706	632	436	229	356	620	130	228	73	1540	1166
I have felt peer pressured and did end up taking drugs	7%	5%	6%	5%	9%	6%	4%	9%	10%	8%	5%
I have felt peer pressured but did not end up taking drugs	11%	11%	10%	11%	14%	11%	7%	13%	12%	12%	10%
I have not felt peer pressured to take recreational drugs	80%	82%	82%	82%	74%	78%	89%	77%	76%	79%	81%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	-	2%	3%	1%	4%

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Total	Marital status							2019 GE election vote			Recreational drug use - overall	
	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)

Q12. Have you ever taken any soft drugs (for example, cannabis or speed)?

Unweighted base	2703	29	202	389	1163	691	43	115	886	819	266	1047	1573
Base	2700	29	179	390	1081	785	44	103	839	797	246	1043	1559
I have, many times	15%	30%	10%	27%	11%	17%	19%	4%	10%	21%	17%	39%	-
I have, once or twice	23%	21%	24%	31%	23%	21%	29%	14%	19%	28%	24%	60%	-
I have not	58%	44%	65%	38%	64%	57%	46%	80%	70%	48%	57%	1%	100%
Prefer not to say	2%	-	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	-
Don't know	2%	6%	-	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-

Q13. Have you ever taken any hard drugs (for example, cocaine or heroin)?

Unweighted base	2709	29	201	389	1167	695	43	114	890	820	268	1048	1573
Base	2705	29	178	391	1084	789	44	101	842	798	248	1044	1559
I have, many times	5%	-	2%	10%	3%	7%	3%	3%	4%	8%	2%	13%	-
I have, once or twice	9%	15%	9%	17%	6%	10%	15%	1%	6%	11%	10%	23%	-
I have not	83%	75%	89%	71%	90%	79%	72%	94%	90%	79%	87%	63%	100%
Prefer not to say	1%	3%	-	2%	0%	1%	4%	1%	0%	1%	-	0%	-
Don't know	2%	6%	-	0%	1%	3%	6%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	-

Q12_Q13_rcy2. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2623	26	200	372	1140	665	40	113	876	798	263	1050	1573
Base	2606	26	177	375	1060	742	40	101	828	771	244	1046	1559
Yes	40%	55%	35%	60%	35%	41%	52%	18%	30%	51%	42%	100%	-
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	60%	45%	65%	40%	65%	59%	48%	82%	70%	49%	58%	-	100%

Q12_Q13_rcy3. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2714	29	202	390	1168	696	43	115	892	821	268	1050	1573
Base	2710	29	179	392	1085	789	44	103	844	799	248	1046	1559
Yes	39%	50%	35%	58%	35%	39%	48%	18%	29%	49%	42%	100%	-
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	58%	40%	64%	38%	63%	56%	44%	80%	69%	47%	57%	-	100%
Prefer not to say/ Don't know	4%	9%	1%	4%	2%	6%	8%	2%	2%	3%	2%	-	-

Q14. Have you ever felt peer pressure to take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	29	202	390	1166	696	43	112	889	820	268	1050	1568
Base	2706	29	179	392	1084	789	44	100	842	798	248	1046	1555
I have felt peer pressured and did end up taking drugs	7%	-	5%	14%	5%	7%	2%	4%	4%	8%	8%	16%	0%
I have felt peer pressured but did not end up taking drugs	11%	8%	11%	15%	9%	12%	13%	10%	9%	12%	14%	12%	11%
I have not felt peer pressured to take recreational drugs	80%	86%	84%	71%	85%	76%	81%	85%	86%	77%	78%	71%	88%
Don't know	2%	6%	0%	1%	1%	5%	4%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is?
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q12. Have you ever taken any soft drugs (for example, cannabis or speed)?

Unweighted base	2703	1047	1573	83	1038	1588	359	2284	1554	1118	200	834	1419
Base	2700	1043	1559	98	1035	1573	378	2250	1492	1160	218	810	1427
I have, many times	15%	39%	-	-	39%	-	66%	7%	13%	17%	69%	31%	14%
I have, once or twice	23%	60%	-	-	61%	-	32%	22%	24%	23%	30%	68%	25%
I have not	58%	1%	100%	8%	-	100%	2%	69%	61%	56%	0%	1%	60%
Prefer not to say	2%	0%	-	45%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	-	1%
Don't know	2%	-	-	48%	-	-	-	0%	0%	1%	-	-	0%

Q13. Have you ever taken any hard drugs (for example, cocaine or heroin)?

Unweighted base	2709	1048	1573	88	1036	1585	362	2292	1556	1122	201	834	1423
Base	2705	1044	1559	102	1032	1571	381	2257	1493	1164	219	809	1430
I have, many times	5%	13%	-	-	13%	0%	36%	-	5%	6%	32%	8%	5%
I have, once or twice	9%	23%	-	-	23%	0%	64%	-	9%	8%	33%	21%	9%
I have not	83%	63%	100%	40%	64%	99%	-	100%	85%	85%	35%	71%	84%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	-	18%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Don't know	2%	0%	-	42%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	1%	-	0%	0%

Q12_Q13_rcy2. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2623	1050	1573	-	1038	1580	362	2253	1527	1083	201	836	1393
Base	2606	1046	1559	-	1035	1566	381	2216	1464	1124	219	811	1401
Yes	40%	100%	-	-	100%	0%	100%	30%	38%	42%	100%	100%	39%
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	60%	-	100%	-	-	100%	-	70%	62%	58%	-	-	61%

Q12_Q13_rcy3. Recreational drug use - overall

Unweighted base	2714	1050	1573	91	1038	1588	362	2292	1560	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2710	1046	1559	105	1035	1573	381	2257	1498	1165	219	811	1432
Yes	39%	100%	-	-	100%	0%	100%	29%	38%	41%	100%	100%	39%
No (no soft and no hard drugs)	58%	-	100%	-	-	99%	-	69%	60%	56%	-	-	59%
Prefer not to say/ Don't know	4%	-	-	100%	-	0%	-	2%	2%	3%	-	-	2%

Q14. Have you ever felt peer pressure to take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	1050	1568	91	1038	1583	362	2287	1557	1121	201	836	1423
Base	2706	1046	1555	105	1035	1569	381	2253	1495	1163	219	811	1430
I have felt peer pressured and did end up taking drugs	7%	16%	0%	6%	16%	0%	26%	3%	7%	6%	21%	15%	8%
I have felt peer pressured but did not end up taking drugs	11%	12%	11%	8%	12%	11%	8%	12%	11%	12%	14%	11%	12%
I have not felt peer pressured to take recreational drugs	80%	71%	88%	44%	72%	88%	64%	84%	81%	81%	64%	73%	79%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	42%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q15. Do you know anyone who takes recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	1236	1475	196	685	841	989
Base	2703	1305	1398	357	671	804	871
I do	51%	53%	50%	57%	66%	54%	35%
I don't	42%	41%	43%	33%	29%	41%	58%
Don't know	7%	6%	7%	11%	5%	6%	7%

Q16. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	1236	1473	197	686	838	988
Base	2705	1309	1396	361	672	802	870
I do	24%	25%	23%	20%	32%	28%	17%
I do not	69%	68%	71%	67%	62%	66%	79%
Don't know	6%	7%	5%	13%	6%	6%	4%

Q17. Earlier you said you have taken recreational drugs.

Do you still take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1047	526	521	50	353	412	232
Base	1044	555	489	95	348	392	208
I do, often	5%	7%	4%	5%	8%	5%	2%
I do, occasionally	16%	16%	15%	44%	18%	11%	8%
I do not	78%	75%	80%	47%	72%	84%	89%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	-	0%
Don't know	1%	1%	-	4%	1%	-	-

Q17vsTotalPop. Currently taking drugs

Unweighted base	2717	1241	1476	199	687	841	990
Base	2717	1318	1399	367	674	804	872
Yes	8%	10%	7%	13%	13%	8%	2%
No	30%	32%	28%	12%	37%	41%	21%
Never took drugs	62%	59%	65%	75%	50%	51%	76%

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	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q15. Do you know anyone who takes recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	43	153	315	370	425	416	453	536	2298	127	215	71
Base	2703	176	181	328	342	409	395	392	480	2271	130	228	73
I do	51%	54%	60%	66%	66%	54%	54%	40%	31%	51%	55%	52%	51%
I don't	42%	34%	31%	29%	28%	40%	41%	55%	61%	43%	37%	41%	43%
Don't know	7%	12%	9%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	9%	7%	7%	7%	6%

Q16. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	44	153	316	370	424	414	452	536	2296	127	215	71
Base	2705	181	180	330	342	408	394	391	480	2273	130	228	73
I do	24%	16%	23%	31%	32%	28%	28%	22%	13%	23%	27%	32%	25%
I do not	69%	68%	67%	61%	63%	66%	67%	75%	82%	70%	70%	65%	69%
Don't know	6%	16%	10%	8%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	7%	3%	3%	6%

Q17. Earlier you said you have taken recreational drugs.

Do you still take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1047	14	36	166	187	229	183	117	115	888	44	87	28
Base	1044	55	40	176	171	220	172	104	105	869	47	99	29
I do, often	5%	6%	3%	8%	7%	7%	2%	3%	2%	5%	8%	8%	3%
I do, occasionally	16%	36%	54%	19%	17%	13%	9%	9%	6%	16%	13%	15%	26%
I do not	78%	50%	43%	70%	74%	80%	89%	88%	91%	78%	77%	77%	71%
Prefer not to say	1%	-	-	2%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	2%	1%	-
Don't know	1%	8%	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-

Q17vsTotalPop. Currently taking drugs

Unweighted base	2717	45	154	317	370	425	416	454	536	2304	127	215	71
Base	2717	185	182	331	342	409	395	393	480	2285	130	228	73
Yes	8%	13%	13%	14%	12%	11%	5%	3%	2%	8%	7%	10%	12%
No	30%	15%	10%	37%	37%	43%	39%	23%	20%	30%	28%	33%	29%
Never took drugs	62%	73%	78%	49%	51%	46%	56%	74%	78%	62%	65%	57%	60%

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	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q15. Do you know anyone who takes recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	651	440	234	336	637	127	215	71	1673	1038
Base	2703	628	436	229	354	624	130	228	73	1542	1161
I do	51%	51%	51%	49%	52%	50%	55%	52%	51%	49%	54%
I don't	42%	43%	45%	45%	41%	41%	37%	41%	43%	45%	39%
Don't know	7%	6%	4%	6%	7%	9%	7%	7%	6%	7%	7%

Q16. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	652	438	234	335	637	127	215	71	1672	1037
Base	2705	632	435	229	353	624	130	228	73	1542	1163
I do	24%	27%	19%	18%	25%	24%	27%	32%	25%	23%	27%
I do not	69%	67%	75%	77%	68%	67%	70%	65%	69%	73%	65%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	9%	3%	3%	6%	5%	8%

Q17. Earlier you said you have taken recreational drugs.

Do you still take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1047	257	151	89	142	249	44	87	28	674	373
Base	1044	247	154	82	145	242	47	99	29	634	409
I do, often	5%	5%	6%	2%	7%	4%	8%	8%	3%	4%	8%
I do, occasionally	16%	18%	13%	12%	20%	14%	13%	15%	26%	15%	17%
I do not	78%	76%	78%	86%	72%	82%	77%	77%	71%	81%	73%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	2%	1%	-	0%	1%
Don't know	1%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	1%

Q17vsTotalPop. Currently taking drugs

Unweighted base	2717	653	441	235	337	638	127	215	71	1674	1043
Base	2717	633	437	230	356	628	130	228	73	1544	1173
Yes	8%	9%	7%	5%	11%	7%	7%	10%	12%	8%	9%
No	30%	30%	27%	31%	29%	31%	28%	33%	29%	33%	25%
Never took drugs	62%	61%	66%	65%	60%	62%	65%	57%	60%	59%	66%

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Q15. Do you know anyone who takes recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	29	202	390	1168	695	42	114	892	821	268	1050	1573
Base	2703	29	179	392	1085	785	42	102	844	799	248	1046	1559
I do	51%	59%	47%	64%	42%	59%	62%	34%	42%	58%	52%	74%	37%
I don't	42%	38%	47%	29%	52%	33%	32%	59%	54%	35%	42%	22%	57%
Don't know	7%	3%	7%	7%	6%	8%	5%	7%	4%	7%	6%	4%	6%

Q16. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	29	202	390	1164	696	43	115	892	819	267	1049	1570
Base	2705	29	179	392	1082	789	44	103	844	797	247	1046	1557
I do	24%	33%	24%	32%	21%	25%	30%	21%	20%	25%	24%	36%	17%
I do not	69%	64%	74%	62%	75%	66%	56%	71%	76%	69%	69%	59%	78%
Don't know	6%	3%	3%	6%	4%	9%	14%	8%	4%	6%	6%	4%	5%

Q17. Earlier you said you have taken recreational drugs.

Do you still take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1047	14	69	217	396	288	20	20	253	406	109	1047	-
Base	1044	14	62	226	374	302	21	18	248	393	103	1044	-
I do, often	5%	14%	6%	5%	3%	8%	-	13%	2%	7%	3%	5%	-
I do, occasionally	16%	8%	12%	16%	9%	26%	21%	4%	12%	19%	13%	16%	-
I do not	78%	78%	81%	78%	87%	64%	79%	83%	84%	73%	82%	78%	-
Prefer not to say	1%	-	-	0%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-
Don't know	1%	-	-	1%	0%	1%	-	-	-	0%	1%	1%	-

Q17vsTotalPop. Currently taking drugs

Unweighted base	2717	29	202	390	1169	697	43	115	892	822	268	1050	1573
Base	2717	29	179	392	1086	791	44	103	844	800	248	1046	1559
Yes	8%	11%	6%	12%	4%	13%	10%	3%	4%	13%	7%	21%	-
No	30%	39%	28%	45%	30%	24%	38%	15%	25%	36%	34%	78%	-
Never took drugs	62%	50%	65%	43%	66%	63%	52%	82%	71%	51%	59%	2%	100%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is?
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q15. Do you know anyone who takes recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	1050	1573	88	1038	1588	362	2292	1559	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2703	1046	1559	98	1035	1573	381	2257	1496	1165	219	811	1432
I do	51%	74%	37%	29%	74%	37%	84%	46%	49%	55%	90%	69%	56%
I don't	42%	22%	57%	22%	22%	57%	13%	48%	44%	40%	7%	26%	40%
Don't know	7%	4%	6%	49%	4%	6%	3%	6%	7%	5%	3%	5%	4%

Q16. Do you know anyone who has had a serious problem with recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2709	1049	1570	90	1037	1585	362	2288	1559	1119	201	835	1423
Base	2705	1046	1557	103	1034	1571	381	2254	1497	1160	219	811	1431
I do	24%	36%	17%	14%	37%	17%	51%	20%	26%	22%	44%	34%	32%
I do not	69%	59%	78%	42%	59%	78%	45%	75%	68%	73%	53%	62%	64%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	44%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%

Q17. Earlier you said you have taken recreational drugs.

Do you still take recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1047	1047	-	-	1036	6	361	678	574	468	201	836	546
Base	1044	1044	-	-	1033	6	380	655	561	475	219	811	551
I do, often	5%	5%	-	-	5%	17%	12%	1%	5%	6%	25%	-	5%
I do, occasionally	16%	16%	-	-	16%	-	25%	10%	16%	16%	75%	-	16%
I do not	78%	78%	-	-	78%	83%	61%	88%	79%	76%	-	100%	79%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	0%	-	-	0%
Don't know	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-	-	0%

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Unweighted base	2717	1050	1573	91	1038	1588	362	2292	1560	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2717	1046	1559	105	1035	1573	381	2257	1498	1165	219	811	1432
Yes	8%	21%	-	-	21%	0%	37%	3%	8%	9%	100%	-	8%
No	30%	78%	-	-	78%	0%	61%	25%	30%	31%	-	100%	30%
Never took drugs	62%	2%	100%	100%	1%	100%	2%	71%	63%	60%	-	-	62%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q18. Which of the following drugs have you tried?

	Unweighted base	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
	1049	526	523	50	354	414	231
Base	1046	555	491	95	348	394	208
Cannabis/marijuana	93%	93%	94%	80%	92%	97%	94%
Cocaine	34%	38%	30%	34%	43%	34%	21%
MDMA	24%	28%	19%	30%	37%	21%	5%
Amphetamine	23%	26%	20%	12%	16%	31%	23%
Hashish	23%	29%	16%	14%	20%	28%	24%
Crack	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	5%	3%
LSD	19%	24%	13%	21%	14%	24%	17%
Ecstasy	27%	31%	22%	19%	35%	31%	9%
Opium	4%	5%	2%	3%	2%	5%	6%
Heroin	3%	4%	2%	5%	1%	4%	4%
Magic mushrooms	21%	27%	14%	26%	21%	24%	14%
Methadone	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Ketamine	11%	15%	8%	21%	18%	8%	1%
Sniffing glue	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%	3%	1%
Other	6%	8%	4%	6%	10%	4%	4%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	6%	2%	-	-
Don't know	1%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%	0%

Q19. You said you've tried cannabis and at least one other recreational drug. Did you try cannabis first?

	Unweighted base	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
	542	296	246	22	184	234	102
Base	536	304	232	38	183	224	92
I did	83%	83%	83%	86%	84%	84%	79%
I did not	14%	14%	13%	14%	11%	14%	17%
N/A I have never tried recreational drugs other than cannabis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	0%	-	2%	-	-
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	-	3%	2%	4%

Q20. Overall, has your general experience of taking recreational drugs been...?

	Unweighted base	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
	1049	525	524	50	353	414	232
Base	1045	554	491	95	347	394	208
Mainly positive	47%	50%	44%	48%	52%	47%	41%
Mainly negative	21%	19%	24%	13%	18%	22%	27%
Both equally	25%	26%	25%	30%	21%	26%	28%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know	5%	4%	6%	7%	7%	4%	4%

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender								Part of the UK			
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q18. Which of the following drugs have you tried?

Unweighted base	1049	14	36	166	188	229	185	117	114	890	44	87	28
Base	1046	55	40	176	172	220	174	104	104	871	47	99	29
Cannabis/marijuana	93%	76%	85%	91%	94%	97%	96%	95%	94%	93%	94%	93%	93%
Cocaine	34%	40%	26%	45%	41%	37%	30%	29%	14%	33%	36%	41%	38%
MDMA	24%	28%	32%	44%	30%	27%	14%	6%	4%	23%	28%	33%	13%
Amphetamine	23%	11%	14%	20%	12%	33%	28%	26%	19%	23%	16%	28%	14%
Hashish	23%	19%	7%	25%	15%	34%	20%	31%	17%	22%	26%	38%	3%
Crack	3%	6%	-	3%	2%	6%	4%	4%	2%	3%	9%	7%	-
LSD	19%	25%	14%	18%	9%	30%	16%	21%	13%	18%	21%	27%	9%
Ecstasy	27%	19%	18%	44%	27%	35%	26%	10%	8%	26%	25%	33%	22%
Opium	4%	6%	-	1%	2%	7%	2%	8%	5%	3%	11%	5%	-
Heroin	3%	6%	3%	1%	1%	5%	2%	6%	2%	2%	7%	7%	-
Magic mushrooms	21%	33%	15%	27%	15%	31%	15%	15%	13%	21%	18%	30%	15%
Methadone	2%	-	6%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	-	2%	9%
Ketamine	11%	19%	25%	26%	11%	10%	5%	2%	-	11%	12%	16%	-
Sniffing glue	3%	6%	-	7%	0%	4%	2%	3%	-	3%	-	5%	3%
Other	6%	6%	6%	14%	6%	5%	3%	7%	1%	6%	5%	9%	3%
Prefer not to say	1%	8%	3%	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	1%	4%	-	-
Don't know	1%	-	6%	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	0%	-	2%	4%

Q19. You said you've tried cannabis and at least one other recreational drug. Did you try cannabis first?

Unweighted base	542	6	16	96	88	136	98	58	44	452	25	51	14
Base	536	21	17	101	82	131	93	52	40	432	27	63	14
I did	83%	85%	86%	83%	86%	84%	83%	80%	78%	84%	86%	83%	60%
I did not	14%	15%	14%	12%	10%	15%	14%	17%	18%	13%	10%	16%	35%
N/A I have never tried recreational drugs other than cannabis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1%	-	-	3%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Don't know	2%	-	-	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	5%

Q20. Overall, has your general experience of taking recreational drugs been...?

Unweighted base	1049	14	36	165	188	229	185	117	115	890	44	87	28
Base	1045	55	40	175	172	220	174	104	105	870	47	99	29
Mainly positive	47%	42%	56%	57%	46%	48%	45%	46%	35%	47%	56%	45%	59%
Mainly negative	21%	14%	11%	18%	18%	19%	27%	22%	32%	20%	20%	28%	16%
Both equally	25%	37%	20%	17%	26%	29%	23%	28%	28%	27%	22%	19%	19%
Prefer not to say	1%	-	7%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-
Don't know	5%	8%	6%	5%	9%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	2%	8%	5%

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Q18. Which of the following drugs have you tried?

Unweighted base	1049	258	152	89	142	249	44	87	28	673	376
Base	1046	248	155	82	145	242	47	99	29	633	412
Cannabis/marijuana	93%	94%	94%	96%	87%	95%	94%	93%	93%	93%	93%
Cocaine	34%	33%	38%	31%	38%	30%	36%	41%	38%	33%	37%
MDMA	24%	21%	23%	23%	29%	22%	28%	33%	13%	22%	27%
Amphetamine	23%	27%	26%	22%	15%	21%	16%	28%	14%	23%	23%
Hashish	23%	21%	22%	25%	23%	21%	26%	38%	3%	21%	27%
Crack	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	9%	7%	-	2%	5%
LSD	19%	20%	20%	22%	17%	14%	21%	27%	9%	16%	23%
Ecstasy	27%	29%	27%	30%	25%	23%	25%	33%	22%	25%	30%
Opium	4%	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%	11%	5%	-	3%	5%
Heroin	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	7%	7%	-	2%	4%
Magic mushrooms	21%	21%	17%	22%	20%	23%	18%	30%	15%	20%	23%
Methadone	2%	2%	2%	-	4%	3%	-	2%	9%	2%	4%
Ketamine	11%	10%	16%	4%	12%	10%	12%	16%	-	9%	14%
Sniffing glue	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	-	5%	3%	2%	4%
Other	6%	5%	9%	2%	4%	8%	5%	9%	3%	6%	7%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	4%	-	-	1%	2%
Don't know	1%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	-	2%	4%	1%	1%

Q19. You said you've tried cannabis and at least one other recreational drug. Did you try cannabis first?

Unweighted base	542	141	78	45	75	113	25	51	14	343	199
Base	536	130	78	42	71	111	27	63	14	320	216
I did	83%	77%	88%	88%	81%	90%	86%	83%	60%	83%	84%
I did not	14%	19%	10%	12%	16%	5%	10%	16%	35%	14%	13%
N/A I have never tried recreational drugs other than cannabis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	0%	1%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	-	1%	4%	4%	1%	5%	3%	2%

Q20. Overall, has your general experience of taking recreational drugs been...?

Unweighted base	1049	258	152	89	141	250	44	87	28	674	375
Base	1045	248	155	82	144	243	47	99	29	634	411
Mainly positive	47%	48%	45%	51%	43%	48%	56%	45%	59%	48%	46%
Mainly negative	21%	20%	23%	21%	23%	17%	20%	28%	16%	21%	20%
Both equally	25%	23%	26%	26%	29%	29%	22%	19%	19%	26%	25%
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	-	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	1%
Don't know	5%	7%	7%	3%	3%	5%	2%	8%	5%	4%	8%

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Q18. Which of the following drugs have you tried?

Unweighted base	1049	14	68	217	397	290	20	20	254	406	109	1049	-
Base	1046	14	61	226	375	304	21	18	249	393	103	1046	-
Cannabis/marijuana	93%	92%	89%	94%	94%	91%	100%	92%	93%	96%	92%	93%	-
Cocaine	34%	24%	30%	42%	27%	42%	28%	19%	31%	38%	24%	34%	-
MDMA	24%	6%	17%	35%	16%	31%	10%	-	19%	30%	21%	24%	-
Amphetamine	23%	14%	23%	24%	22%	24%	14%	25%	26%	25%	16%	23%	-
Hashish	23%	6%	25%	25%	22%	25%	20%	14%	20%	28%	22%	23%	-
Crack	3%	-	6%	4%	0%	6%	13%	5%	4%	3%	1%	3%	-
LSD	19%	-	20%	21%	14%	25%	12%	11%	17%	22%	17%	19%	-
Ecstasy	27%	20%	22%	37%	24%	28%	14%	-	25%	31%	23%	27%	-
Opium	4%	6%	5%	5%	3%	4%	-	-	4%	4%	2%	4%	-
Heroin	3%	-	3%	3%	1%	4%	14%	-	4%	2%	2%	3%	-
Magic mushrooms	21%	15%	18%	25%	16%	26%	12%	7%	20%	25%	15%	21%	-
Methadone	2%	8%	1%	2%	1%	4%	-	-	2%	2%	2%	2%	-
Ketamine	11%	6%	10%	16%	6%	16%	5%	-	6%	16%	8%	11%	-
Sniffing glue	3%	-	5%	3%	3%	3%	-	-	4%	3%	-	3%	-
Other	6%	-	4%	8%	5%	8%	-	-	7%	8%	3%	6%	-
Prefer not to say	1%	-	-	1%	0%	3%	-	-	-	1%	1%	1%	-
Don't know	1%	-	2%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	1%	-

Q19. You said you've tried cannabis and at least one other recreational drug. Did you try cannabis first?

Unweighted base	542	6	34	122	185	169	11	7	124	229	42	542	-
Base	536	6	30	126	176	171	12	7	124	224	41	536	-
I did	83%	100%	86%	82%	84%	85%	60%	88%	80%	83%	86%	83%	-
I did not	14%	-	14%	14%	14%	11%	25%	12%	17%	13%	11%	14%	-
N/A I have never tried recreational drugs other than cannabis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1%	-	-	-	1%	2%	-	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-
Don't know	2%	-	-	4%	1%	3%	15%	-	2%	3%	3%	2%	-

Q20. Overall, has your general experience of taking recreational drugs been...?

Unweighted base	1049	14	69	216	397	290	20	20	254	405	109	1049	-
Base	1045	14	62	225	375	304	21	18	249	392	103	1045	-
Mainly positive	47%	32%	46%	50%	46%	46%	54%	47%	41%	53%	45%	47%	-
Mainly negative	21%	33%	24%	17%	24%	19%	21%	26%	29%	18%	20%	21%	-
Both equally	25%	27%	28%	29%	24%	25%	20%	27%	26%	24%	27%	25%	-
Prefer not to say	1%	8%	-	-	1%	2%	5%	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-
Don't know	5%	-	3%	4%	5%	9%	-	-	3%	4%	6%	5%	-

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is?
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q18. Which of the following drugs have you tried?

Unweighted base	1049	1049	-	-	1037	7	362	679	575	469	201	835	548
Base	1046	1046	-	-	1034	7	381	656	562	476	219	811	553
Cannabis/marijuana	93%	93%	-	-	94%	-	89%	96%	91%	96%	89%	95%	91%
Cocaine	34%	34%	-	-	34%	73%	85%	5%	36%	33%	54%	29%	34%
MDMA	24%	24%	-	-	24%	28%	54%	7%	23%	26%	45%	18%	23%
Amphetamine	23%	23%	-	-	23%	-	42%	12%	25%	20%	33%	20%	22%
Hashish	23%	23%	-	-	23%	-	43%	12%	24%	23%	35%	20%	22%
Crack	3%	3%	-	-	3%	29%	9%	0%	4%	3%	9%	2%	4%
LSD	19%	19%	-	-	19%	-	36%	8%	19%	19%	33%	15%	18%
Ecstasy	27%	27%	-	-	27%	41%	58%	9%	26%	28%	46%	22%	26%
Opium	4%	4%	-	-	4%	-	10%	1%	4%	4%	7%	3%	3%
Heroin	3%	3%	-	-	3%	14%	8%	-	4%	2%	6%	2%	3%
Magic mushrooms	21%	21%	-	-	21%	25%	41%	10%	21%	22%	35%	17%	20%
Methadone	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	6%	1%	3%	2%	6%	2%	2%
Ketamine	11%	11%	-	-	11%	48%	30%	1%	10%	13%	26%	7%	10%
Sniffing glue	3%	3%	-	-	3%	-	7%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other	6%	6%	-	-	6%	-	12%	3%	6%	7%	9%	5%	6%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Don't know	1%	1%	-	-	0%	13%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%

Q19. You said you've tried cannabis and at least one other recreational drug. Did you try cannabis first?

Unweighted base	542	542	-	-	539	-	317	222	296	244	139	396	271
Base	536	536	-	-	533	-	323	210	288	246	142	387	269
I did	83%	83%	-	-	83%	-	83%	83%	84%	83%	85%	83%	86%
I did not	14%	14%	-	-	14%	-	14%	13%	14%	13%	12%	14%	12%
N/A I have never tried recreational drugs other than cannabis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-
Don't know	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%

Q20. Overall, has your general experience of taking recreational drugs been...?

Unweighted base	1049	1049	-	-	1037	7	362	679	575	469	201	835	548
Base	1045	1045	-	-	1033	7	381	656	561	476	219	810	553
Mainly positive	47%	47%	-	-	47%	87%	57%	42%	41%	55%	75%	40%	41%
Mainly negative	21%	21%	-	-	21%	-	14%	25%	25%	17%	9%	24%	26%
Both equally	25%	25%	-	-	26%	-	27%	25%	29%	21%	15%	28%	28%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Don't know	5%	5%	-	-	5%	13%	2%	7%	5%	6%	1%	7%	5%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q21. Generally speaking, do you think you could completely stop taking recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1050	526	524	50	354	414	232
Base	1046	555	491	95	348	394	208
I think I could	91%	90%	92%	79%	89%	95%	95%
I think I could not	6%	8%	4%	20%	7%	3%	3%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	-
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%

Q22. If you ever needed help to stop taking drugs, do you feel you would be able to get it?

Unweighted base	1044	525	519	50	353	412	229
Base	1041	554	487	95	348	392	206
I think I would, both privately (through family, friends) and through the health system	45%	46%	43%	48%	47%	44%	43%
I think I would, but privately (through family, friends), not through the health system	17%	18%	17%	38%	17%	15%	14%
I think I would, through the health system but not privately (through family, friends)	13%	13%	12%	4%	15%	14%	10%
I think I would not be able to get help either way	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%
Don't know	19%	17%	21%	4%	15%	22%	26%

Q23. Have you ever been in trouble with the police or other authorities due to recreational drug use?

Unweighted base	1045	525	520	50	351	412	232
Base	1041	553	488	95	345	392	208
I have, with the police	5%	7%	2%	6%	5%	5%	3%
I have, with other authorities	2%	3%	0%	11%	2%	0%	1%
I have, with both	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-
I have not	92%	89%	96%	81%	91%	93%	96%
Don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-

Q24. Have you ever been tempted to try any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1572	668	904	129	301	394	748
Base	1558	698	860	230	294	379	655
I have	9%	9%	8%	15%	15%	9%	3%
I have not	91%	91%	91%	85%	84%	90%	97%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender								Part of the UK			
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q21. Generally speaking, do you think you could completely stop taking recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1050	14	36	166	188	229	185	117	115	891	44	87	28
Base	1046	55	40	176	172	220	174	104	105	872	47	99	29
I think I could	91%	76%	83%	87%	91%	95%	95%	93%	96%	91%	94%	94%	83%
I think I could not	6%	24%	15%	9%	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	6%	4%	6%	12%
Prefer not to say	1%	-	-	2%	2%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Don't know	2%	-	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	-	5%

Q22. If you ever needed help to stop taking drugs, do you feel you would be able to get it?

Unweighted base	1044	14	36	166	187	229	183	116	113	885	44	87	28
Base	1041	55	40	176	171	220	172	103	103	866	47	99	29
I think I would, both privately (through family, friends) and through the health system	45%	49%	47%	44%	49%	46%	41%	50%	35%	45%	52%	38%	46%
I think I would, but privately (through family, friends), not through the health system	17%	43%	31%	16%	18%	15%	15%	14%	14%	16%	20%	29%	15%
I think I would, through the health system but not privately (through family, friends)	13%	-	11%	16%	14%	14%	14%	13%	7%	13%	10%	9%	11%
I think I would not be able to get help either way	6%	8%	3%	8%	5%	5%	6%	4%	10%	6%	-	9%	8%
Don't know	19%	-	9%	16%	14%	21%	23%	19%	33%	19%	18%	15%	21%

Q23. Have you ever been in trouble with the police or other authorities due to recreational drug use?

Unweighted base	1045	14	36	165	186	229	183	117	115	886	44	87	28
Base	1041	55	40	175	170	220	172	104	105	867	47	99	29
I have, with the police	5%	8%	3%	8%	2%	8%	1%	3%	3%	4%	5%	10%	3%
I have, with other authorities	2%	16%	3%	4%	-	1%	-	1%	-	2%	-	3%	-
I have, with both	1%	-	3%	2%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
I have not	92%	76%	89%	86%	97%	91%	96%	95%	97%	92%	95%	87%	97%
Don't know	1%	-	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-

Q24. Have you ever been tempted to try any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1572	25	104	136	165	176	218	331	417	1329	82	122	39
Base	1558	105	125	139	155	170	209	284	371	1311	83	124	40
I have	9%	12%	18%	18%	12%	10%	9%	3%	3%	9%	9%	7%	18%
I have not	91%	88%	81%	81%	87%	89%	90%	97%	97%	91%	91%	92%	82%
Don't know	0%	-	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	-	1%	-

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Total	Region UK								Social Grade	
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q21. Generally speaking, do you think you could completely stop taking recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1050	258	152	89	142	250	44	87	28	674	376
Base	1046	248	155	82	145	243	47	99	29	634	412
I think I could	91%	88%	94%	94%	86%	94%	94%	94%	83%	93%	89%
I think I could not	6%	7%	4%	4%	11%	3%	4%	6%	12%	5%	8%
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	-	-	3%	1%	-	-	-	1%	2%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	2%	-	2%	2%	-	5%	2%	1%

Q22. If you ever needed help to stop taking drugs, do you feel you would be able to get it?

Unweighted base	1044	257	152	89	140	247	44	87	28	673	371
Base	1041	247	155	82	143	240	47	99	29	633	408
I think I would, both privately (through family, friends) and through the health system	45%	42%	51%	41%	45%	46%	52%	38%	46%	47%	42%
I think I would, but privately (through family, friends), not through the health system	17%	20%	13%	11%	23%	12%	20%	29%	15%	18%	17%
I think I would, through the health system but not privately (through family, friends)	13%	15%	9%	20%	12%	12%	10%	9%	11%	12%	14%
I think I would not be able to get help either way	6%	5%	9%	8%	5%	6%	-	9%	8%	6%	7%
Don't know	19%	19%	17%	20%	15%	23%	18%	15%	21%	18%	21%

Q23. Have you ever been in trouble with the police or other authorities due to recreational drug use?

Unweighted base	1045	256	151	88	142	249	44	87	28	672	373
Base	1041	245	154	81	145	242	47	99	29	632	410
I have, with the police	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	3%	5%	10%	3%	2%	8%
I have, with other authorities	2%	1%	1%	-	7%	1%	-	3%	-	2%	2%
I have, with both	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	0%	-	-	-	0%	1%
I have not	92%	93%	92%	95%	85%	95%	95%	87%	97%	95%	88%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	0%	1%

Q24. Have you ever been tempted to try any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1572	378	271	138	177	365	82	122	39	956	616
Base	1558	367	266	140	190	348	83	124	40	866	693
I have	9%	7%	10%	10%	6%	10%	9%	7%	18%	10%	7%
I have not	91%	92%	90%	90%	94%	89%	91%	92%	82%	90%	92%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	-	1%	-	0%	0%

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	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)

Q21. Generally speaking, do you think you could completely stop taking recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1050	14	69	217	397	290	20	20	254	406	109	1050	-
Base	1046	14	62	226	375	304	21	18	249	393	103	1046	-
I think I could	91%	86%	91%	92%	94%	87%	95%	92%	92%	93%	88%	91%	-
I think I could not	6%	14%	8%	6%	4%	9%	5%	8%	5%	4%	9%	6%	-
Prefer not to say	1%	-	-	1%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-
Don't know	2%	-	1%	2%	1%	3%	-	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	-

Q22. If you ever needed help to stop taking drugs, do you feel you would be able to get it?

Unweighted base	1044	14	68	217	395	287	20	20	253	403	109	1044	-
Base	1041	14	61	226	373	301	21	18	248	391	103	1041	-
I think I would, both privately (through family, friends) and through the health system	45%	68%	31%	44%	48%	44%	47%	35%	44%	46%	44%	45%	-
I think I would, but privately (through family, friends), not through the health system	17%	21%	13%	20%	16%	19%	9%	22%	16%	19%	19%	17%	-
I think I would, through the health system but not privately (through family, friends)	13%	11%	19%	8%	12%	15%	4%	10%	13%	12%	12%	13%	-
I think I would not be able to get help either way	6%	-	9%	8%	4%	7%	6%	13%	7%	4%	7%	6%	-
Don't know	19%	-	28%	21%	20%	15%	34%	21%	20%	19%	18%	19%	-

Q23. Have you ever been in trouble with the police or other authorities due to recreational drug use?

Unweighted base	1045	14	69	217	395	287	20	20	253	406	109	1045	-
Base	1041	14	62	226	373	301	21	18	248	393	103	1041	-
I have, with the police	5%	-	5%	5%	3%	7%	4%	15%	5%	4%	6%	5%	-
I have, with other authorities	2%	-	2%	2%	0%	3%	-	8%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-
I have, with both	1%	8%	3%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	4%	1%	-
I have not	92%	92%	90%	92%	96%	88%	96%	76%	92%	94%	88%	92%	-
Don't know	1%	-	-	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	1%	1%	1%	-

Q24. Have you ever been tempted to try any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1572	12	131	155	742	375	20	93	621	392	154	-	1572
Base	1558	12	115	148	683	438	19	82	578	378	141	-	1558
I have	9%	-	5%	13%	7%	14%	15%	2%	6%	11%	11%	-	9%
I have not	91%	100%	95%	86%	93%	86%	85%	98%	94%	89%	89%	-	91%
Don't know	0%	-	-	1%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	0%	1%	-	0%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is?
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q21. Generally speaking, do you think you could completely stop taking recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1050	1050	-	-	1038	7	362	680	576	469	201	836	548
Base	1046	1046	-	-	1035	7	381	657	563	476	219	811	553
I think I could	91%	91%	-	-	92%	73%	86%	95%	90%	94%	79%	96%	91%
I think I could not	6%	6%	-	-	6%	14%	10%	4%	8%	4%	18%	2%	7%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know	2%	2%	-	-	1%	13%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%

Q22. If you ever needed help to stop taking drugs, do you feel you would be able to get it?

Unweighted base	1044	1044	-	-	1032	7	361	675	573	466	201	830	543
Base	1041	1041	-	-	1029	7	380	652	560	473	219	806	548
I think I would, both privately (through family, friends) and through the health system	45%	45%	-	-	45%	13%	42%	47%	46%	44%	46%	45%	43%
I think I would, but privately (through family, friends), not through the health system	17%	17%	-	-	17%	12%	21%	16%	17%	18%	29%	14%	17%
I think I would, through the health system but not privately (through family, friends)	13%	13%	-	-	13%	34%	14%	11%	13%	12%	7%	14%	16%
I think I would not be able to get help either way	6%	6%	-	-	6%	-	8%	5%	6%	5%	5%	7%	8%
Don't know	19%	19%	-	-	19%	41%	14%	21%	17%	21%	13%	21%	16%

Q23. Have you ever been in trouble with the police or other authorities due to recreational drug use?

Unweighted base	1045	1045	-	-	1034	6	361	677	572	468	200	834	547
Base	1041	1041	-	-	1030	6	380	654	558	475	218	809	552
I have, with the police	5%	5%	-	-	5%	-	11%	1%	6%	3%	12%	3%	6%
I have, with other authorities	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	5%	0%	4%	-	8%	0%	3%
I have, with both	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%
I have not	92%	92%	-	-	92%	85%	81%	99%	89%	96%	78%	96%	90%
Don't know	1%	1%	-	-	0%	15%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%

Q24. Have you ever been tempted to try any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	1572	-	1572	-	-	1572	-	1572	950	614	-	-	845
Base	1558	-	1558	-	-	1558	-	1558	900	649	-	-	848
I have	9%	-	9%	-	-	9%	-	9%	8%	10%	-	-	8%
I have not	91%	-	91%	-	-	91%	-	91%	92%	89%	-	-	92%
Don't know	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%	1%	-	-	0%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q24_1. Why have you chosen not to take recreational drugs? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	1572	668	904	129	301	394	748
Base	1559	698	860	230	294	379	655
Never had the opportunity	10%	12%	8%	25%	12%	7%	6%
They are illegal	33%	35%	31%	53%	33%	31%	27%
It is morally wrong	21%	22%	20%	34%	22%	19%	17%
I am afraid of the effects	38%	35%	40%	54%	46%	37%	28%
I am afraid of becoming addicted	28%	30%	27%	38%	33%	25%	25%
I am afraid of getting caught	12%	14%	10%	31%	17%	10%	4%
I was never interested in taking drugs	79%	77%	80%	62%	68%	80%	90%
Other	3%	4%	2%	8%	3%	4%	1%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%

Q25. Have you ever pretended you have taken recreational drugs, in order to fit in?

Unweighted base	1569	666	903	129	299	393	748
Base	1555	696	859	230	292	378	655
I have	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%
I have not	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	99%	100%
Don't know	0%	0%	-	-	1%	0%	-

Q26. If you could take soft recreational drugs (such as cannabis or speed) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1573	669	904	129	301	394	749
Base	1559	699	860	230	294	379	656
I would	10%	11%	9%	19%	16%	9%	5%
I would not	78%	78%	79%	68%	70%	78%	86%
Don't know	12%	11%	12%	13%	14%	13%	9%

Q27. And if you could take hard recreational drugs (such as heroin or cocaine) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1569	666	903	129	301	394	745
Base	1556	697	859	230	294	379	652
I would	2%	3%	2%	4%	5%	2%	1%
I would not	94%	93%	96%	92%	88%	95%	98%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	4%	7%	3%	1%

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	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q24_1. Why have you chosen not to take recreational drugs? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	1572	25	104	136	165	176	218	331	417	1329	82	122	39
Base	1559	105	125	139	155	170	209	284	371	1312	83	124	40
Never had the opportunity	10%	31%	20%	11%	13%	9%	5%	8%	4%	10%	9%	11%	13%
They are illegal	33%	48%	57%	35%	32%	35%	27%	29%	25%	34%	29%	29%	27%
It is morally wrong	21%	32%	35%	25%	19%	19%	19%	18%	16%	21%	18%	18%	16%
I am afraid of the effects	38%	50%	58%	43%	49%	32%	41%	26%	29%	38%	32%	33%	39%
I am afraid of becoming addicted	28%	38%	38%	33%	34%	25%	25%	30%	21%	28%	32%	27%	29%
I am afraid of getting caught	12%	38%	25%	16%	18%	12%	8%	5%	3%	12%	13%	9%	18%
I was never interested in taking drugs	79%	60%	64%	63%	72%	79%	80%	89%	90%	79%	84%	75%	74%
Other	3%	12%	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	1%	3%	-	3%	-
Don't know	1%	-	1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	-

Q25. Have you ever pretended you have taken recreational drugs, in order to fit in?

Unweighted base	1569	25	104	134	165	176	217	331	417	1326	82	122	39
Base	1555	105	125	137	155	170	208	284	371	1308	83	124	40
I have	1%	-	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	1%	7%
I have not	99%	100%	99%	96%	98%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	93%
Don't know	0%	-	-	1%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-

Q26. If you could take soft recreational drugs (such as cannabis or speed) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1573	25	104	136	165	176	218	332	417	1330	82	122	39
Base	1559	105	125	139	155	170	209	285	371	1312	83	124	40
I would	10%	15%	22%	21%	12%	12%	7%	4%	6%	10%	8%	11%	12%
I would not	78%	71%	66%	65%	73%	76%	79%	88%	84%	79%	80%	76%	63%
Don't know	12%	14%	12%	14%	15%	12%	14%	8%	10%	11%	13%	13%	25%

Q27. And if you could take hard recreational drugs (such as heroin or cocaine) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1569	25	104	136	165	176	218	329	416	1326	82	122	39
Base	1556	105	125	139	155	170	209	282	370	1309	83	124	40
I would	2%	-	7%	8%	3%	4%	0%	1%	1%	2%	-	3%	6%
I would not	94%	96%	89%	83%	93%	91%	99%	97%	98%	94%	95%	95%	94%
Don't know	3%	4%	4%	9%	4%	5%	1%	2%	1%	3%	5%	2%	-

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	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q24_1. Why have you chosen not to take recreational drugs? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	1572	378	270	138	177	366	82	122	39	956	616
Base	1559	367	265	140	190	349	83	124	40	866	693
Never had the opportunity	10%	6%	15%	12%	13%	8%	9%	11%	13%	10%	11%
They are illegal	33%	35%	35%	32%	39%	29%	29%	29%	27%	33%	33%
It is morally wrong	21%	18%	23%	24%	27%	19%	18%	18%	16%	21%	21%
I am afraid of the effects	38%	37%	41%	37%	38%	38%	32%	33%	39%	38%	37%
I am afraid of becoming addicted	28%	27%	29%	29%	31%	28%	32%	27%	29%	27%	30%
I am afraid of getting caught	12%	12%	15%	10%	11%	11%	13%	9%	18%	10%	14%
I was never interested in taking drugs	79%	83%	77%	79%	81%	75%	84%	75%	74%	79%	78%
Other	3%	4%	3%	3%	1%	5%	-	3%	-	2%	5%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	1%

Q25. Have you ever pretended you have taken recreational drugs, in order to fit in?

Unweighted base	1569	378	268	138	177	365	82	122	39	955	614
Base	1555	367	263	140	190	348	83	124	40	864	691
I have	1%	0%	1%	-	2%	1%	-	1%	7%	1%	1%
I have not	99%	99%	99%	100%	98%	99%	100%	99%	93%	99%	99%
Don't know	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%

Q26. If you could take soft recreational drugs (such as cannabis or speed) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1573	378	271	138	177	366	82	122	39	957	616
Base	1559	367	266	140	190	349	83	124	40	867	693
I would	10%	7%	13%	12%	7%	12%	8%	11%	12%	10%	10%
I would not	78%	79%	79%	81%	78%	78%	80%	76%	63%	79%	78%
Don't know	12%	13%	8%	7%	16%	10%	13%	13%	25%	12%	12%

Q27. And if you could take hard recreational drugs (such as heroin or cocaine) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1569	377	270	138	177	364	82	122	39	954	615
Base	1556	366	265	140	190	348	83	124	40	864	692
I would	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	-	3%	6%	2%	3%
I would not	94%	95%	94%	94%	91%	97%	95%	95%	94%	95%	94%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	3%	6%	1%	5%	2%	-	3%	4%

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Total	Marital status							2019 GE election vote			Recreational drug use - overall	
	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)

Q24_1. Why have you chosen not to take recreational drugs? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	1572	12	131	155	742	375	20	93	622	391	154	-	1572
Base	1559	12	115	148	684	438	19	82	579	377	141	-	1559
Never had the opportunity	10%	-	4%	8%	7%	18%	9%	5%	6%	14%	10%	-	10%
They are illegal	33%	22%	26%	32%	28%	41%	26%	31%	31%	28%	39%	-	33%
It is morally wrong	21%	7%	21%	17%	18%	22%	21%	24%	22%	15%	20%	-	21%
I am afraid of the effects	38%	43%	32%	46%	32%	46%	32%	31%	32%	39%	41%	-	38%
I am afraid of becoming addicted	28%	44%	19%	34%	25%	32%	38%	31%	24%	31%	30%	-	28%
I am afraid of getting caught	12%	22%	4%	16%	8%	18%	18%	3%	7%	12%	11%	-	12%
I was never interested in taking drugs	79%	85%	88%	74%	83%	70%	81%	86%	85%	77%	78%	-	79%
Other	3%	-	2%	3%	2%	5%	-	3%	3%	3%	1%	-	3%
Don't know	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	0%	3%	-	1%

Q25. Have you ever pretended you have taken recreational drugs, in order to fit in?

Unweighted base	1569	12	130	154	742	374	20	93	622	390	153	-	1569
Base	1555	12	114	147	684	437	19	82	579	376	140	-	1555
I have	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	1%	1%	-	1%
I have not	99%	100%	98%	97%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	-	99%
Don't know	0%	-	-	1%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%

Q26. If you could take soft recreational drugs (such as cannabis or speed) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1573	12	131	155	743	375	20	93	622	392	154	-	1573
Base	1559	12	115	148	685	438	19	82	579	378	141	-	1559
I would	10%	-	5%	11%	7%	17%	10%	2%	5%	14%	9%	-	10%
I would not	78%	100%	85%	71%	83%	69%	73%	84%	88%	69%	75%	-	78%
Don't know	12%	-	9%	17%	9%	14%	17%	14%	7%	16%	16%	-	12%

Q27. And if you could take hard recreational drugs (such as heroin or cocaine) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1569	12	130	155	740	375	20	93	621	391	153	-	1569
Base	1556	12	114	148	682	438	19	82	578	377	140	-	1556
I would	2%	-	-	3%	2%	4%	5%	-	1%	4%	1%	-	2%
I would not	94%	100%	99%	90%	97%	90%	95%	98%	98%	91%	95%	-	94%
Don't know	3%	-	1%	7%	2%	6%	-	2%	2%	6%	4%	-	3%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is?
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q24_1. Why have you chosen not to take recreational drugs? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	1572	-	1572	-	-	1572	-	1572	950	614	-	-	845
Base	1559	-	1559	-	-	1559	-	1559	900	649	-	-	848
Never had the opportunity	10%	-	10%	-	-	10%	-	10%	9%	12%	-	-	8%
They are illegal	33%	-	33%	-	-	33%	-	33%	33%	33%	-	-	36%
It is morally wrong	21%	-	21%	-	-	21%	-	21%	22%	19%	-	-	23%
I am afraid of the effects	38%	-	38%	-	-	38%	-	38%	36%	40%	-	-	40%
I am afraid of becoming addicted	28%	-	28%	-	-	28%	-	28%	28%	30%	-	-	32%
I am afraid of getting caught	12%	-	12%	-	-	12%	-	12%	9%	16%	-	-	13%
I was never interested in taking drugs	79%	-	79%	-	-	79%	-	79%	82%	76%	-	-	78%
Other	3%	-	3%	-	-	3%	-	3%	2%	4%	-	-	4%
Don't know	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	0%	2%	-	-	0%

Q25. Have you ever pretended you have taken recreational drugs, in order to fit in?

Unweighted base	1569	-	1569	-	-	1569	-	1569	950	611	-	-	843
Base	1555	-	1555	-	-	1555	-	1555	900	645	-	-	846
I have	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%
I have not	99%	-	99%	-	-	99%	-	99%	99%	99%	-	-	98%
Don't know	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%

Q26. If you could take soft recreational drugs (such as cannabis or speed) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1573	-	1573	-	-	1573	-	1573	951	614	-	-	845
Base	1559	-	1559	-	-	1559	-	1559	901	649	-	-	848
I would	10%	-	10%	-	-	10%	-	10%	10%	11%	-	-	9%
I would not	78%	-	78%	-	-	78%	-	78%	80%	77%	-	-	79%
Don't know	12%	-	12%	-	-	12%	-	12%	11%	13%	-	-	11%

Q27. And if you could take hard recreational drugs (such as heroin or cocaine) knowing that there wouldn't be any negative side effects health-wise or socially, would you try them?

Unweighted base	1569	-	1569	-	-	1569	-	1569	947	614	-	-	843
Base	1556	-	1556	-	-	1556	-	1556	898	649	-	-	847
I would	2%	-	2%	-	-	2%	-	2%	2%	3%	-	-	2%
I would not	94%	-	94%	-	-	94%	-	94%	95%	93%	-	-	96%
Don't know	3%	-	3%	-	-	3%	-	3%	3%	4%	-	-	3%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q28. When it comes to how much drug abuse is discussed in the media in the UK, do you think...?

Unweighted base	2709	1235	1474	196	684	840	989
Base	2702	1305	1397	357	671	803	871
There is too much discussion	5%	7%	4%	6%	4%	4%	7%
There isn't enough discussion	53%	51%	54%	56%	51%	56%	50%
There amount of discussion is about right	24%	27%	20%	22%	23%	23%	25%
Don't know	19%	16%	22%	16%	22%	17%	19%

Q29. In your family, do you think you would or would not be able to have an open discussion about using recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	1233	1472	196	684	840	985
Base	2698	1303	1395	357	670	803	868
We would	60%	59%	61%	44%	49%	64%	71%
We would not	19%	20%	18%	30%	33%	16%	6%
Not applicable	10%	10%	10%	9%	6%	8%	16%
Don't know	11%	11%	11%	17%	13%	12%	6%

Q30. At what age should children start being taught about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	1236	1475	197	686	840	988
Base	2707	1309	1398	361	672	803	870
10 or younger	26%	24%	29%	15%	20%	32%	32%
11	18%	15%	21%	16%	17%	18%	20%
12	18%	18%	19%	19%	21%	18%	17%
13	9%	11%	8%	18%	10%	8%	6%
14	6%	8%	5%	10%	5%	6%	5%
15	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	1%
16 or older	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%
Never	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%
Don't know	14%	14%	14%	13%	16%	13%	13%

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Q28. When it comes to how much drug abuse is discussed in the media in the UK, do you think...?

Unweighted base	2709	43	153	314	370	425	415	453	536	2296	127	215	71
Base	2702	176	181	328	342	409	394	392	480	2270	130	228	73
There is too much discussion	5%	7%	6%	5%	4%	6%	3%	9%	5%	5%	5%	9%	4%
There isn't enough discussion	53%	58%	53%	49%	53%	51%	60%	48%	51%	52%	46%	58%	57%
There amount of discussion is about right	24%	25%	18%	27%	19%	27%	19%	28%	22%	24%	26%	18%	21%
Don't know	19%	9%	23%	19%	24%	16%	18%	15%	22%	19%	22%	15%	18%

Q29. In your family, do you think you would or would not be able to have an open discussion about using recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	43	153	315	369	424	416	451	534	2293	126	215	71
Base	2698	176	181	329	341	408	395	390	478	2267	129	228	73
We would	60%	45%	42%	48%	50%	63%	66%	71%	72%	60%	69%	59%	50%
We would not	19%	30%	30%	33%	33%	15%	17%	8%	4%	19%	14%	19%	32%
Not applicable	10%	9%	9%	5%	6%	9%	7%	16%	17%	10%	10%	12%	8%
Don't know	11%	16%	19%	14%	12%	13%	10%	5%	7%	11%	7%	10%	10%

Q30. At what age should children start being taught about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	44	153	316	370	424	416	452	536	2299	127	214	71
Base	2707	180	181	330	342	408	395	390	480	2276	130	227	73
10 or younger	26%	16%	13%	15%	24%	28%	35%	31%	32%	26%	31%	32%	30%
11	18%	13%	19%	16%	17%	15%	20%	16%	24%	19%	17%	9%	12%
12	18%	14%	24%	19%	23%	19%	17%	17%	16%	17%	14%	30%	26%
13	9%	23%	14%	12%	9%	9%	6%	6%	6%	10%	10%	6%	4%
14	6%	13%	8%	6%	5%	7%	5%	7%	3%	6%	4%	5%	7%
15	2%	4%	0%	5%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	0%	7%
16 or older	3%	2%	6%	5%	2%	2%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	2%	-
Never	3%	4%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%
Don't know	14%	12%	15%	18%	15%	15%	11%	12%	14%	14%	14%	12%	10%

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Q28. When it comes to how much drug abuse is discussed in the media in the UK, do you think...?

Unweighted base	2709	651	439	232	337	637	127	215	71	1672	1037
Base	2702	628	436	227	356	624	130	228	73	1542	1160
There is too much discussion	5%	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	5%	9%	4%	5%	6%
There isn't enough discussion	53%	53%	50%	50%	59%	49%	46%	58%	57%	51%	54%
There amount of discussion is about right	24%	21%	26%	28%	21%	26%	26%	18%	21%	27%	19%
Don't know	19%	20%	18%	17%	16%	20%	22%	15%	18%	16%	22%

Q29. In your family, do you think you would or would not be able to have an open discussion about using recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	652	440	231	337	633	126	215	71	1669	1036
Base	2698	629	436	226	356	620	129	228	73	1539	1159
We would	60%	62%	61%	60%	59%	58%	69%	59%	50%	63%	56%
We would not	19%	18%	18%	19%	22%	18%	14%	19%	32%	18%	19%
Not applicable	10%	9%	11%	11%	9%	11%	10%	12%	8%	9%	12%
Don't know	11%	11%	11%	10%	10%	14%	7%	10%	10%	10%	13%

Q30. At what age should children start being taught about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	652	440	233	336	638	127	214	71	1674	1037
Base	2707	629	436	228	355	628	130	227	73	1544	1163
10 or younger	26%	27%	24%	26%	26%	26%	31%	32%	30%	28%	24%
11	18%	19%	22%	16%	17%	20%	17%	9%	12%	19%	17%
12	18%	15%	17%	20%	17%	19%	14%	30%	26%	19%	17%
13	9%	10%	11%	11%	10%	8%	10%	6%	4%	8%	11%
14	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	5%	4%	5%	7%	6%	7%
15	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%	0%	7%	2%	2%
16 or older	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	-	3%	2%
Never	3%	3%	2%	0%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%
Don't know	14%	14%	13%	14%	16%	15%	14%	12%	10%	12%	16%

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Total	Marital status							2019 GE election vote			Recreational drug use - overall	
	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)

Q28. When it comes to how much drug abuse is discussed in the media in the UK, do you think...?

Unweighted base	2709	29	202	390	1168	692	43	114	891	820	268	1050	1572
Base	2702	29	179	392	1085	782	44	102	843	798	248	1046	1558
There is too much discussion	5%	4%	7%	4%	6%	4%	2%	7%	7%	4%	4%	6%	5%
There isn't enough discussion	53%	60%	53%	54%	53%	50%	60%	53%	51%	56%	49%	56%	52%
There amount of discussion is about right	24%	22%	20%	24%	24%	24%	18%	26%	28%	20%	32%	22%	24%
Don't know	19%	15%	20%	18%	17%	22%	19%	14%	15%	20%	15%	15%	19%

Q29. In your family, do you think you would or would not be able to have an open discussion about using recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	29	201	390	1164	694	43	113	888	820	267	1049	1569
Base	2698	29	178	392	1081	784	44	101	840	798	248	1046	1556
We would	60%	64%	65%	57%	70%	45%	62%	64%	67%	59%	60%	62%	60%
We would not	19%	10%	9%	26%	12%	27%	23%	10%	12%	22%	18%	25%	15%
Not applicable	10%	12%	16%	6%	8%	12%	9%	21%	13%	7%	9%	5%	14%
Don't know	11%	13%	9%	10%	9%	15%	6%	5%	7%	12%	13%	9%	11%

Q30. At what age should children start being taught about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	29	201	389	1168	694	43	115	891	820	268	1049	1572
Base	2707	29	177	391	1085	784	44	103	843	798	248	1045	1558
10 or younger	26%	13%	40%	25%	29%	21%	34%	36%	26%	29%	29%	25%	28%
11	18%	14%	18%	16%	21%	16%	2%	18%	17%	20%	23%	17%	19%
12	18%	15%	19%	22%	19%	17%	18%	10%	18%	18%	17%	21%	17%
13	9%	16%	6%	9%	7%	13%	5%	4%	9%	8%	10%	11%	8%
14	6%	4%	2%	4%	7%	7%	13%	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%	6%
15	2%	5%	1%	3%	2%	2%	-	2%	3%	3%	0%	3%	2%
16 or older	3%	7%	1%	5%	2%	3%	8%	6%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Never	3%	13%	0%	3%	2%	3%	10%	3%	4%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Don't know	14%	13%	13%	14%	11%	18%	10%	14%	12%	13%	11%	11%	14%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is? Very big problem/ Fairly big problem
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	

Q28. When it comes to how much drug abuse is discussed in the media in the UK, do you think...?

Unweighted base	2709	1050	1572	87	1038	1587	362	2291	1558	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2702	1046	1558	98	1035	1572	381	2256	1496	1165	219	811	1432
There is too much discussion	5%	6%	5%	2%	6%	5%	9%	5%	6%	4%	9%	6%	5%
There isn't enough discussion	53%	56%	52%	31%	56%	52%	56%	53%	53%	54%	57%	56%	63%
There amount of discussion is about right	24%	22%	24%	21%	22%	24%	21%	24%	24%	23%	21%	23%	20%
Don't know	19%	15%	19%	47%	15%	19%	14%	18%	17%	19%	13%	16%	11%

Q29. In your family, do you think you would or would not be able to have an open discussion about using recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	1049	1569	87	1037	1584	362	2287	1556	1121	201	835	1424
Base	2698	1046	1556	97	1034	1570	381	2253	1494	1163	219	811	1431
We would	60%	62%	60%	32%	62%	60%	61%	61%	63%	57%	63%	62%	64%
We would not	19%	25%	15%	22%	24%	15%	30%	17%	17%	22%	29%	24%	20%
Not applicable	10%	5%	14%	9%	5%	14%	4%	11%	11%	9%	2%	5%	8%
Don't know	11%	9%	11%	38%	9%	11%	5%	11%	9%	12%	6%	9%	8%

Q30. At what age should children start being taught about recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2711	1049	1572	89	1037	1587	361	2291	1559	1122	200	836	1424
Base	2707	1045	1558	99	1034	1572	380	2256	1496	1164	218	811	1431
10 or younger	26%	25%	28%	13%	25%	28%	23%	27%	30%	23%	25%	26%	32%
11	18%	17%	19%	11%	17%	19%	14%	19%	19%	17%	14%	18%	19%
12	18%	21%	17%	12%	21%	17%	22%	18%	18%	20%	21%	21%	19%
13	9%	11%	8%	8%	11%	8%	11%	9%	9%	10%	15%	9%	9%
14	6%	7%	6%	3%	7%	6%	7%	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%	6%
15	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%
16 or older	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%
Never	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	14%	11%	14%	45%	11%	14%	10%	13%	11%	16%	7%	11%	8%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q31. Thinking about various issues around crime, which two or three of the following do you think need more attention that they are currently getting in your local area?

	2707	1232	1475	196	684	840	987
Unweighted base	2707	1232	1475	196	684	840	987
Base	2700	1302	1398	357	671	803	869
Vandalism	29%	31%	28%	24%	24%	29%	36%
Burglary	28%	30%	27%	18%	25%	32%	31%
Domestic abuse	32%	27%	36%	32%	37%	30%	29%
Arson	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%
Drug use	32%	30%	34%	28%	30%	30%	37%
Violent crime	21%	23%	19%	18%	20%	24%	20%
Sexual harassment and assault	27%	23%	30%	43%	34%	23%	19%
Fraud	9%	11%	8%	7%	8%	9%	11%
Murder	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Gang crime	22%	24%	21%	23%	20%	24%	22%
Other	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%
None need more attention	6%	6%	5%	5%	3%	6%	7%
Don't know	14%	14%	15%	17%	17%	13%	13%

Q32. How big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in the UK?

	2707	1233	1474	196	684	840	987
Unweighted base	2707	1233	1474	196	684	840	987
Base	2701	1304	1397	357	670	804	870
Very big problem	30%	27%	33%	19%	21%	32%	39%
Fairly big problem	51%	50%	52%	56%	50%	49%	52%
Not really a problem	10%	14%	6%	11%	16%	10%	4%
Not a problem at all	1%	2%	0%	4%	2%	1%	0%
Don't know	8%	7%	9%	10%	11%	9%	4%

Q33. And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in your local area?

	2693	1227	1466	194	681	836	982
Unweighted base	2693	1227	1466	194	681	836	982
Base	2686	1295	1390	354	667	800	865
Very big problem	15%	15%	16%	18%	15%	17%	13%
Fairly big problem	38%	35%	40%	34%	34%	39%	42%
Not really a problem	26%	30%	22%	25%	30%	27%	21%
Not a problem at all	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%
Don't know	18%	16%	20%	19%	18%	15%	21%

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender								Part of the UK			
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q31. Thinking about various issues around crime, which two or three of the following do you think need more attention that they are currently getting in your local area?

Unweighted base	2707	43	153	314	370	424	416	451	536	2295	127	214	71
Base	2700	176	181	328	342	408	395	390	480	2269	130	227	73
Vandalism	29%	28%	20%	27%	21%	29%	28%	39%	34%	28%	37%	34%	27%
Burglary	28%	18%	18%	25%	25%	35%	29%	33%	29%	29%	29%	20%	19%
Domestic abuse	32%	19%	44%	33%	41%	27%	33%	26%	31%	31%	33%	35%	41%
Arson	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-
Drug use	32%	29%	28%	27%	33%	26%	35%	37%	37%	30%	36%	43%	41%
Violent crime	21%	18%	19%	22%	18%	26%	22%	23%	18%	22%	18%	21%	11%
Sexual harassment and assault	27%	25%	60%	29%	38%	21%	24%	20%	18%	27%	27%	23%	39%
Fraud	9%	9%	6%	10%	6%	11%	8%	12%	11%	10%	9%	8%	8%
Murder	4%	2%	6%	4%	3%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%
Gang crime	22%	27%	20%	20%	20%	28%	20%	21%	22%	24%	13%	13%	20%
Other	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	6%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	9%
None need more attention	6%	7%	3%	4%	3%	6%	7%	8%	6%	5%	6%	8%	3%
Don't know	14%	21%	13%	16%	17%	12%	14%	11%	14%	15%	13%	13%	10%

Q32. How big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in the UK?

Unweighted base	2707	43	153	315	369	424	416	451	536	2294	127	215	71
Base	2701	176	181	329	341	408	395	390	480	2269	130	228	73
Very big problem	30%	25%	12%	16%	26%	25%	40%	39%	40%	28%	40%	46%	38%
Fairly big problem	51%	49%	62%	49%	52%	50%	48%	51%	53%	52%	47%	42%	52%
Not really a problem	10%	11%	11%	22%	9%	16%	4%	7%	2%	10%	7%	5%	5%
Not a problem at all	1%	7%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	2%	1%
Don't know	8%	7%	14%	10%	11%	9%	8%	3%	5%	8%	6%	5%	4%

Q33. And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in your local area?

Unweighted base	2693	42	152	314	367	423	413	448	534	2284	125	214	70
Base	2686	173	180	327	340	407	393	387	478	2258	128	227	72
Very big problem	15%	25%	11%	13%	18%	13%	20%	14%	13%	14%	20%	27%	16%
Fairly big problem	38%	29%	38%	29%	39%	37%	41%	42%	42%	38%	44%	38%	37%
Not really a problem	26%	22%	28%	38%	22%	33%	21%	23%	20%	26%	22%	21%	32%
Not a problem at all	3%	5%	3%	5%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	-
Don't know	18%	20%	19%	14%	21%	13%	16%	18%	24%	19%	11%	11%	15%

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Total	Region UK								Social Grade	
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q31. Thinking about various issues around crime, which two or three of the following do you think need more attention that they are currently getting in your local area?

Unweighted base	2707	650	440	232	337	636	127	214	71	1671	1036
Base	2700	627	436	227	356	623	130	227	73	1541	1160
Vandalism	29%	30%	28%	35%	21%	29%	37%	34%	27%	31%	28%
Burglary	28%	32%	30%	34%	26%	25%	29%	20%	19%	29%	26%
Domestic abuse	32%	28%	34%	29%	29%	34%	33%	35%	41%	34%	29%
Arson	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%
Drug use	32%	29%	31%	33%	32%	30%	36%	43%	41%	32%	32%
Violent crime	21%	24%	21%	21%	24%	19%	18%	21%	11%	19%	23%
Sexual harassment and assault	27%	29%	23%	27%	26%	27%	27%	23%	39%	26%	28%
Fraud	9%	8%	10%	9%	10%	11%	9%	8%	8%	10%	8%
Murder	4%	5%	3%	2%	8%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	6%
Gang crime	22%	24%	24%	26%	40%	14%	13%	13%	20%	21%	25%
Other	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	9%	5%	3%
None need more attention	6%	5%	6%	6%	4%	6%	6%	8%	3%	7%	4%
Don't know	14%	13%	15%	10%	13%	18%	13%	13%	10%	12%	18%

Q32. How big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in the UK?

Unweighted base	2707	651	440	232	337	634	127	215	71	1671	1036
Base	2701	628	436	227	356	621	130	228	73	1541	1159
Very big problem	30%	31%	28%	24%	28%	25%	40%	46%	38%	29%	31%
Fairly big problem	51%	54%	49%	59%	51%	52%	47%	42%	52%	53%	49%
Not really a problem	10%	8%	12%	9%	11%	11%	7%	5%	5%	9%	10%
Not a problem at all	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	2%	-	2%	1%	2%	1%
Don't know	8%	6%	9%	8%	7%	11%	6%	5%	4%	7%	9%

Q33. And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in your local area?

Unweighted base	2693	649	437	230	334	634	125	214	70	1662	1031
Base	2686	624	434	225	352	621	128	227	72	1531	1155
Very big problem	15%	18%	12%	10%	16%	11%	20%	27%	16%	13%	18%
Fairly big problem	38%	39%	35%	38%	42%	36%	44%	38%	37%	39%	37%
Not really a problem	26%	24%	31%	29%	23%	26%	22%	21%	32%	28%	23%
Not a problem at all	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	-	3%	3%
Don't know	18%	16%	20%	19%	18%	23%	11%	11%	15%	18%	19%

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Q31. Thinking about various issues around crime, which two or three of the following do you think need more attention that they are currently getting in your local area?

Unweighted base	2707	29	202	390	1165	693	43	114	889	819	268	1048	1571
Base	2700	29	179	392	1083	783	44	102	841	797	248	1045	1557
Vandalism	29%	15%	30%	25%	34%	25%	22%	33%	37%	25%	31%	27%	32%
Burglary	28%	25%	29%	25%	32%	24%	28%	33%	37%	25%	29%	28%	29%
Domestic abuse	32%	48%	33%	35%	30%	31%	43%	25%	22%	41%	37%	36%	30%
Arson	2%	-	-	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Drug use	32%	24%	39%	27%	36%	28%	26%	39%	36%	29%	31%	25%	37%
Violent crime	21%	30%	26%	25%	21%	18%	16%	18%	24%	19%	18%	24%	19%
Sexual harassment and assault	27%	31%	24%	33%	21%	33%	25%	14%	15%	37%	26%	29%	26%
Fraud	9%	3%	10%	7%	9%	9%	10%	20%	10%	9%	10%	9%	10%
Murder	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%	9%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Gang crime	22%	37%	26%	20%	22%	23%	21%	15%	26%	19%	15%	24%	22%
Other	4%	8%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	1%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%
None need more attention	6%	3%	7%	7%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%
Don't know	14%	13%	9%	14%	13%	18%	19%	14%	11%	14%	13%	13%	14%

Q32. How big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in the UK?

Unweighted base	2707	29	202	390	1166	693	43	114	889	820	268	1048	1573
Base	2701	29	179	392	1083	783	44	102	842	798	248	1045	1559
Very big problem	30%	31%	36%	23%	36%	20%	32%	43%	37%	23%	23%	22%	36%
Fairly big problem	51%	52%	51%	52%	50%	55%	49%	45%	51%	52%	55%	52%	52%
Not really a problem	10%	7%	7%	14%	7%	13%	4%	9%	6%	15%	14%	16%	6%
Not a problem at all	1%	-	0%	4%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	1%	-	2%	0%
Don't know	8%	10%	6%	7%	7%	11%	15%	3%	5%	9%	8%	7%	6%

Q33. And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in your local area?

Unweighted base	2693	29	201	389	1157	691	42	113	886	815	266	1043	1564
Base	2686	29	178	391	1076	779	42	101	839	791	247	1040	1549
Very big problem	15%	13%	16%	16%	13%	15%	23%	16%	15%	14%	11%	15%	16%
Fairly big problem	38%	40%	39%	38%	43%	33%	25%	34%	38%	37%	39%	38%	39%
Not really a problem	26%	17%	21%	28%	25%	29%	24%	19%	28%	26%	30%	29%	24%
Not a problem at all	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	6%	2%	3%	4%	4%	2%
Don't know	18%	27%	23%	15%	16%	20%	26%	25%	17%	20%	16%	14%	19%

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	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q31. Thinking about various issues around crime, which two or three of the following do you think need more attention that they are currently getting in your local area?

Unweighted base	2707	1048	1571	88	1036	1586	361	2289	1557	1121	200	835	1423
Base	2700	1045	1557	98	1033	1571	380	2254	1495	1163	218	811	1430
Vandalism	29%	27%	32%	13%	27%	32%	21%	31%	32%	27%	18%	30%	34%
Burglary	28%	28%	29%	18%	28%	29%	28%	28%	30%	26%	26%	26%	31%
Domestic abuse	32%	36%	30%	23%	36%	30%	33%	32%	33%	31%	36%	36%	34%
Arson	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Drug use	32%	25%	37%	19%	25%	37%	24%	34%	35%	30%	15%	28%	47%
Violent crime	21%	24%	19%	16%	24%	19%	29%	20%	22%	20%	30%	22%	25%
Sexual harassment and assault	27%	29%	26%	19%	29%	25%	29%	27%	26%	28%	38%	27%	29%
Fraud	9%	9%	10%	3%	9%	10%	8%	10%	10%	9%	10%	9%	8%
Murder	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%
Gang crime	22%	24%	22%	13%	24%	22%	22%	23%	22%	23%	23%	24%	28%
Other	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%
None need more attention	6%	6%	5%	3%	6%	5%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	6%	3%
Don't know	14%	13%	14%	39%	13%	14%	12%	14%	12%	15%	12%	13%	6%

Q32. How big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in the UK?

Unweighted base	2707	1048	1573	86	1036	1588	361	2291	1558	1121	200	835	1424
Base	2701	1045	1559	96	1033	1573	380	2256	1496	1163	218	811	1431
Very big problem	30%	22%	36%	14%	23%	36%	22%	32%	34%	25%	15%	25%	45%
Fairly big problem	51%	52%	52%	29%	52%	52%	47%	53%	50%	54%	45%	55%	51%
Not really a problem	10%	16%	6%	9%	16%	6%	20%	8%	9%	11%	27%	12%	2%
Not a problem at all	1%	2%	0%	8%	2%	0%	4%	1%	1%	1%	6%	1%	1%
Don't know	8%	7%	6%	40%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	9%	8%	7%	1%

Q33. And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is in your local area?

Unweighted base	2693	1043	1564	86	1032	1578	359	2278	1551	1114	201	830	1425
Base	2686	1040	1549	96	1030	1562	378	2243	1489	1157	219	806	1432
Very big problem	15%	15%	16%	6%	15%	16%	20%	15%	17%	14%	16%	16%	29%
Fairly big problem	38%	38%	39%	26%	38%	39%	35%	39%	39%	37%	36%	38%	71%
Not really a problem	26%	29%	24%	17%	29%	24%	30%	25%	24%	29%	32%	29%	-
Not a problem at all	3%	4%	2%	5%	4%	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	7%	3%	-
Don't know	18%	14%	19%	46%	14%	19%	10%	18%	17%	17%	9%	14%	-

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q34. Do you think you can or cannot recognise the smell of cannabis?

Unweighted base	2706	1235	1471	193	684	841	988
Base	2695	1302	1393	351	670	804	870
I think I can	79%	79%	79%	76%	89%	85%	66%
I think I cannot	16%	16%	15%	18%	7%	11%	26%
Don't know	6%	5%	6%	6%	4%	5%	8%

Q35. Overall, how well or badly is the government doing at handling the issue of drug abuse...?

Unweighted base	2710	1236	1474	195	686	840	989
Base	2700	1303	1397	353	672	803	871
Very well	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Fairly well	10%	11%	9%	6%	9%	10%	12%
Fairly badly	39%	38%	40%	40%	38%	36%	41%
Very badly	27%	33%	21%	24%	25%	30%	26%
Don't know	24%	18%	30%	28%	28%	23%	21%

Q36. Do you think the government is or isn't doing enough to tackle drug problems in your area?

Unweighted base	2708	1236	1472	194	685	840	989
Base	2698	1303	1395	352	671	803	871
It is	8%	11%	5%	9%	9%	8%	7%
It isn't	56%	59%	53%	60%	53%	58%	55%
Don't know	36%	30%	41%	31%	38%	34%	38%

Q37. Do you think politicians running for office should or should not have to reveal if they have taken any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	1232	1473	195	685	839	986
Base	2695	1299	1396	353	671	802	869
Should	44%	48%	41%	35%	37%	44%	54%
Should not	36%	37%	35%	39%	41%	36%	30%
Don't know	20%	15%	24%	26%	22%	19%	17%

Q37_1. If a politician you supported revealed that they had taken drugs when younger, would you still vote for them?

Unweighted base	2712	1238	1474	196	686	841	989
Base	2708	1311	1397	360	672	804	871
I definitely would	27%	32%	22%	23%	33%	28%	23%
I probably would	44%	40%	49%	40%	41%	44%	49%
I probably would not	9%	10%	9%	12%	8%	7%	11%
I definitely would not	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%
Don't know	16%	14%	18%	21%	16%	17%	13%

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender								Part of the UK			
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q34. Do you think you can or cannot recognise the smell of cannabis?

Unweighted base	2706	42	151	315	369	425	416	453	535	2295	126	215	70
Base	2695	172	178	329	341	409	395	392	479	2265	129	228	72
I think I can	79%	77%	76%	87%	91%	85%	85%	66%	66%	79%	78%	80%	72%
I think I cannot	16%	19%	17%	9%	5%	10%	11%	27%	26%	15%	15%	16%	19%
Don't know	6%	5%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%	7%	8%	6%	8%	3%	9%

Q35. Overall, how well or badly is the government doing at handling the issue of drug abuse...?

Unweighted base	2710	42	153	316	370	425	415	453	536	2298	126	215	71
Base	2700	172	181	330	342	409	394	392	480	2269	129	228	73
Very well	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	-
Fairly well	10%	7%	6%	11%	7%	12%	9%	13%	11%	10%	14%	7%	5%
Fairly badly	39%	39%	42%	37%	39%	34%	39%	42%	40%	38%	38%	42%	43%
Very badly	27%	33%	15%	32%	19%	35%	24%	30%	22%	26%	27%	35%	28%
Don't know	24%	19%	36%	20%	35%	19%	28%	14%	26%	25%	20%	16%	23%

Q36. Do you think the government is or isn't doing enough to tackle drug problems in your area?

Unweighted base	2708	42	152	316	369	425	415	453	536	2295	127	215	71
Base	2698	172	180	330	342	409	394	392	480	2266	130	228	73
It is	8%	9%	9%	12%	6%	11%	5%	11%	4%	8%	8%	11%	9%
It isn't	56%	70%	49%	53%	53%	57%	59%	61%	51%	55%	59%	66%	62%
Don't know	36%	20%	42%	35%	41%	32%	36%	28%	45%	38%	33%	23%	29%

Q37. Do you think politicians running for office should or should not have to reveal if they have taken any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	42	153	315	370	424	415	451	535	2293	127	215	70
Base	2695	172	181	328	342	408	394	390	479	2264	130	228	72
Should	44%	42%	29%	37%	37%	47%	42%	61%	48%	44%	48%	42%	43%
Should not	36%	36%	42%	46%	36%	39%	34%	28%	31%	36%	29%	41%	37%
Don't know	20%	22%	29%	17%	27%	15%	24%	11%	21%	20%	23%	17%	21%

Q37_1. If a politician you supported revealed that they had taken drugs when younger, would you still vote for them?

Unweighted base	2712	44	152	316	370	425	416	453	536	2299	127	215	71
Base	2708	180	180	330	342	409	395	392	480	2276	130	228	73
I definitely would	27%	25%	20%	41%	26%	33%	22%	25%	21%	26%	21%	33%	35%
I probably would	44%	36%	43%	36%	46%	41%	48%	44%	53%	44%	51%	42%	46%
I probably would not	9%	12%	13%	8%	7%	7%	8%	14%	9%	10%	10%	8%	4%
I definitely would not	3%	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	6%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%
Don't know	16%	22%	20%	13%	18%	16%	19%	11%	15%	16%	17%	13%	13%

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Total	Region UK								Social Grade	
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q34. Do you think you can or cannot recognise the smell of cannabis?

Unweighted base	2706	652	439	232	336	636	126	215	70	1670	1036
Base	2695	629	436	227	354	620	129	228	72	1540	1155
I think I can	79%	79%	78%	81%	81%	77%	78%	80%	72%	78%	79%
I think I cannot	16%	16%	16%	14%	15%	16%	15%	16%	19%	17%	14%
Don't know	6%	5%	6%	5%	3%	8%	8%	3%	9%	5%	7%

Q35. Overall, how well or badly is the government doing at handling the issue of drug abuse...?

Unweighted base	2710	652	440	233	337	636	126	215	71	1673	1037
Base	2700	629	436	228	356	620	129	228	73	1543	1157
Very well	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	-	1%	-	1%	0%
Fairly well	10%	9%	9%	14%	8%	12%	14%	7%	7%	11%	9%
Fairly badly	39%	37%	36%	41%	44%	37%	38%	42%	43%	40%	37%
Very badly	27%	27%	27%	19%	25%	26%	27%	35%	28%	27%	27%
Don't know	24%	26%	27%	27%	22%	25%	20%	16%	23%	22%	27%

Q36. Do you think the government is or isn't doing enough to tackle drug problems in your area?

Unweighted base	2708	651	439	233	337	635	127	215	71	1672	1036
Base	2698	628	435	228	356	619	130	228	73	1542	1156
It is	8%	7%	8%	9%	6%	9%	8%	11%	9%	9%	8%
It isn't	56%	57%	53%	52%	60%	51%	59%	66%	62%	56%	56%
Don't know	36%	35%	39%	39%	34%	40%	33%	23%	29%	36%	36%

Q37. Do you think politicians running for office should or should not have to reveal if they have taken any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	651	438	233	336	635	127	215	70	1670	1035
Base	2695	628	435	228	354	619	130	228	72	1539	1156
Should	44%	45%	42%	46%	45%	43%	48%	42%	43%	43%	46%
Should not	36%	35%	38%	38%	35%	35%	29%	41%	37%	39%	31%
Don't know	20%	20%	20%	16%	20%	22%	23%	17%	21%	18%	23%

Q37_1. If a politician you supported revealed that they had taken drugs when younger, would you still vote for them?

Unweighted base	2712	651	440	233	337	638	127	215	71	1674	1038
Base	2708	628	436	228	356	628	130	228	73	1544	1164
I definitely would	27%	26%	25%	21%	27%	28%	21%	33%	35%	29%	24%
I probably would	44%	43%	42%	51%	45%	44%	51%	42%	46%	46%	42%
I probably would not	9%	11%	11%	12%	9%	7%	10%	8%	4%	9%	10%
I definitely would not	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%
Don't know	16%	16%	17%	12%	15%	18%	17%	13%	13%	13%	20%

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Total	Marital status							2019 GE election vote			Recreational drug use - overall	
	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)

Q34. Do you think you can or cannot recognise the smell of cannabis?

Unweighted base	2706	29	202	390	1166	692	43	114	890	819	268	1050	1570
Base	2695	29	179	392	1083	779	44	102	842	797	248	1046	1556
I think I can	79%	88%	75%	91%	75%	81%	74%	59%	73%	85%	81%	95%	69%
I think I cannot	16%	3%	19%	7%	18%	14%	22%	33%	22%	11%	14%	4%	24%
Don't know	6%	9%	6%	2%	7%	6%	4%	8%	5%	4%	6%	1%	7%

Q35. Overall, how well or badly is the government doing at handling the issue of drug abuse...?

Unweighted base	2710	29	202	390	1167	693	43	115	892	819	268	1050	1572
Base	2700	29	179	392	1084	780	44	103	844	797	248	1046	1558
Very well	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	-	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Fairly well	10%	11%	9%	7%	12%	9%	16%	11%	18%	3%	8%	8%	11%
Fairly badly	39%	21%	36%	38%	40%	37%	31%	46%	37%	40%	44%	39%	39%
Very badly	27%	45%	32%	28%	26%	25%	21%	25%	19%	36%	24%	31%	23%
Don't know	24%	23%	22%	25%	22%	29%	32%	17%	25%	21%	24%	21%	26%

Q36. Do you think the government is or isn't doing enough to tackle drug problems in your area?

Unweighted base	2708	29	202	390	1167	692	43	114	891	818	268	1050	1571
Base	2698	29	179	392	1084	779	44	102	843	793	248	1046	1557
It is	8%	12%	6%	9%	7%	7%	13%	6%	12%	5%	12%	9%	8%
It isn't	56%	56%	61%	56%	55%	55%	58%	56%	51%	62%	55%	56%	57%
Don't know	36%	32%	33%	35%	36%	39%	29%	38%	37%	34%	33%	35%	35%

Q37. Do you think politicians running for office should or should not have to reveal if they have taken any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	29	200	389	1166	692	43	115	890	820	267	1046	1571
Base	2695	29	176	391	1084	779	44	103	842	798	247	1042	1557
Should	44%	36%	53%	42%	48%	38%	39%	53%	46%	43%	43%	38%	50%
Should not	36%	45%	25%	40%	36%	36%	42%	30%	38%	38%	40%	47%	28%
Don't know	20%	19%	21%	18%	16%	26%	20%	17%	17%	19%	17%	15%	21%

Q37_1. If a politician you supported revealed that they had taken drugs when younger, would you still vote for them?

Unweighted base	2712	29	202	390	1168	694	43	114	892	820	268	1050	1573
Base	2708	29	179	392	1085	784	44	102	844	798	248	1046	1559
I definitely would	27%	29%	24%	35%	26%	26%	26%	22%	23%	33%	30%	46%	15%
I probably would	44%	28%	46%	43%	47%	42%	46%	43%	49%	43%	44%	45%	45%
I probably would not	9%	16%	10%	6%	10%	9%	6%	14%	12%	9%	10%	2%	14%
I definitely would not	3%	9%	5%	2%	3%	3%	4%	11%	2%	3%	3%	1%	5%
Don't know	16%	18%	16%	13%	14%	20%	17%	11%	13%	12%	14%	6%	21%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is?
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Very big problem/ Fairly big problem

Q34. Do you think you can or cannot recognise the smell of cannabis?

Unweighted base	2706	1050	1570	86	1038	1585	362	2289	1557	1121	201	836	1422
Base	2695	1046	1556	92	1035	1570	381	2254	1495	1161	219	811	1429
I think I can	79%	95%	69%	52%	95%	69%	93%	77%	76%	84%	92%	96%	84%
I think I cannot	16%	4%	24%	14%	4%	24%	6%	17%	18%	12%	8%	3%	12%
Don't know	6%	1%	7%	35%	1%	7%	1%	5%	6%	4%	0%	1%	4%

Q35. Overall, how well or badly is the government doing at handling the issue of drug abuse...?

Unweighted base	2710	1050	1572	88	1038	1587	362	2291	1559	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2700	1046	1558	95	1035	1572	381	2256	1497	1165	219	811	1432
Very well	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%
Fairly well	10%	8%	11%	5%	8%	11%	9%	10%	11%	9%	9%	8%	9%
Fairly badly	39%	39%	39%	23%	39%	39%	38%	39%	39%	39%	37%	40%	43%
Very badly	27%	31%	23%	32%	31%	23%	36%	25%	27%	26%	34%	30%	33%
Don't know	24%	21%	26%	40%	21%	26%	16%	25%	22%	27%	18%	21%	14%

Q36. Do you think the government is or isn't doing enough to tackle drug problems in your area?

Unweighted base	2708	1050	1571	87	1038	1586	362	2290	1559	1122	201	836	1424
Base	2698	1046	1557	94	1035	1571	381	2255	1497	1164	219	811	1431
It is	8%	9%	8%	3%	9%	8%	11%	8%	8%	9%	16%	7%	5%
It isn't	56%	56%	57%	40%	56%	57%	57%	56%	59%	53%	51%	58%	78%
Don't know	36%	35%	35%	57%	35%	35%	31%	36%	33%	38%	33%	35%	17%

Q37. Do you think politicians running for office should or should not have to reveal if they have taken any recreational drugs?

Unweighted base	2705	1046	1571	88	1034	1586	361	2287	1557	1120	200	833	1421
Base	2695	1042	1557	95	1030	1571	379	2253	1494	1162	217	809	1428
Should	44%	38%	50%	17%	38%	50%	40%	46%	48%	39%	40%	37%	50%
Should not	36%	47%	28%	37%	47%	28%	47%	34%	34%	39%	51%	46%	32%
Don't know	20%	15%	21%	46%	15%	21%	13%	20%	17%	22%	9%	17%	18%

Q37_1. If a politician you supported revealed that they had taken drugs when younger, would you still vote for them?

Unweighted base	2712	1050	1573	88	1038	1588	362	2292	1560	1123	201	836	1425
Base	2708	1046	1559	98	1035	1573	381	2257	1498	1165	219	811	1432
I definitely would	27%	46%	15%	18%	46%	15%	51%	23%	25%	29%	59%	43%	25%
I probably would	44%	45%	45%	26%	45%	45%	42%	46%	46%	44%	37%	47%	46%
I probably would not	9%	2%	14%	12%	2%	14%	2%	11%	11%	8%	1%	3%	10%
I definitely would not	3%	1%	5%	2%	1%	5%	0%	4%	4%	3%	-	1%	4%
Don't know	16%	6%	21%	41%	6%	21%	4%	17%	14%	16%	3%	7%	15%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q38. Generally speaking, do you think drug laws in the UK are too strict, too lenient, or about right?

Unweighted base	2708	1236	1472	193	686	840	989
Base	2697	1303	1394	350	672	803	871
Too strict	27%	33%	21%	35%	35%	27%	17%
About right	24%	23%	25%	24%	22%	25%	25%
Too lenient	34%	34%	35%	22%	26%	33%	46%
Don't know	15%	10%	19%	18%	17%	15%	11%

Q39. Do you think the possession of soft drugs (such as speed or cannabis), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2705	1235	1470	193	685	839	988
Base	2695	1302	1393	350	671	803	870
Should be legal	39%	43%	35%	42%	50%	42%	26%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	32%	28%	35%	25%	25%	29%	41%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	22%	23%	20%	20%	18%	21%	26%
Don't know	8%	6%	10%	13%	7%	8%	7%

Q40. Do you think the possession of hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2694	1229	1465	193	683	837	981
Base	2685	1297	1388	350	670	801	864
Should be legal	10%	13%	6%	9%	14%	10%	6%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	22%	21%	26%	28%	22%	15%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	63%	61%	65%	58%	51%	63%	75%
Don't know	6%	3%	8%	8%	7%	5%	4%

Q41. Do you think selling soft drugs (such as cannabis or speed), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2704	1234	1470	194	685	840	985
Base	2695	1301	1393	352	671	804	868
Should be legal	25%	30%	20%	24%	34%	29%	15%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	20%	23%	25%	19%	21%	24%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	45%	43%	46%	40%	38%	42%	55%
Don't know	8%	6%	10%	12%	9%	8%	6%

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender								Part of the UK			
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q38. Generally speaking, do you think drug laws in the UK are too strict, too lenient, or about right?

Unweighted base	2708	42	151	316	370	425	415	453	536	2295	127	215	71
Base	2697	172	178	330	342	409	394	392	480	2265	130	228	73
Too strict	27%	40%	30%	43%	28%	35%	19%	20%	15%	26%	26%	31%	32%
About right	24%	21%	28%	22%	22%	24%	26%	25%	25%	25%	25%	20%	20%
Too lenient	34%	25%	20%	24%	28%	30%	36%	49%	44%	34%	31%	37%	28%
Don't know	15%	14%	23%	11%	22%	11%	19%	5%	17%	15%	18%	12%	20%

Q39. Do you think the possession of soft drugs (such as speed or cannabis), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2705	42	151	316	369	425	414	452	536	2292	127	215	71
Base	2695	172	178	330	342	409	394	391	480	2263	130	228	73
Should be legal	39%	43%	41%	55%	46%	49%	35%	26%	26%	38%	43%	42%	50%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	32%	23%	27%	21%	29%	25%	33%	39%	43%	32%	27%	32%	32%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	22%	23%	17%	20%	16%	19%	22%	31%	22%	22%	21%	22%	11%
Don't know	8%	11%	15%	5%	10%	7%	10%	4%	9%	8%	9%	5%	7%

Q40. Do you think the possession of hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2694	42	151	315	368	423	414	449	532	2281	127	215	71
Base	2685	172	178	329	341	407	393	388	476	2253	130	228	73
Should be legal	10%	9%	9%	19%	10%	16%	4%	8%	4%	9%	13%	10%	8%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	27%	25%	30%	25%	21%	22%	14%	16%	21%	22%	26%	23%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	63%	62%	53%	47%	56%	59%	68%	76%	74%	64%	58%	60%	62%
Don't know	6%	2%	14%	4%	9%	5%	6%	2%	6%	6%	8%	4%	6%

Q41. Do you think selling soft drugs (such as cannabis or speed), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2704	42	152	316	369	425	415	451	534	2293	127	213	71
Base	2695	172	180	330	342	409	395	390	478	2265	130	226	73
Should be legal	25%	26%	21%	40%	27%	37%	21%	17%	14%	24%	27%	28%	36%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	23%	26%	17%	21%	18%	23%	24%	24%	22%	22%	25%	16%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	45%	45%	35%	36%	40%	37%	48%	56%	54%	46%	40%	40%	40%
Don't know	8%	5%	18%	7%	12%	8%	8%	4%	8%	8%	10%	7%	8%

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Total	Region UK								Social Grade	
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	ABC1	C2DE

Q38. Generally speaking, do you think drug laws in the UK are too strict, too lenient, or about right?

Unweighted base	2708	650	440	233	336	636	127	215	71	1674	1034
Base	2697	627	436	228	354	620	130	228	73	1544	1153
Too strict	27%	26%	27%	25%	26%	27%	26%	31%	32%	27%	27%
About right	24%	23%	25%	31%	27%	22%	25%	20%	20%	28%	19%
Too lenient	34%	36%	33%	30%	35%	36%	31%	37%	28%	32%	37%
Don't know	15%	15%	16%	15%	11%	15%	18%	12%	20%	13%	17%

Q39. Do you think the possession of soft drugs (such as speed or cannabis), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2705	651	440	232	336	633	127	215	71	1672	1033
Base	2695	628	436	227	354	617	130	228	73	1542	1153
Should be legal	39%	40%	40%	34%	37%	38%	43%	42%	50%	39%	39%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	32%	30%	30%	40%	32%	32%	27%	32%	32%	35%	27%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	22%	24%	23%	19%	22%	20%	21%	22%	11%	21%	23%
Don't know	8%	7%	8%	7%	9%	10%	9%	5%	7%	6%	11%

Q40. Do you think the possession of hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2694	647	438	231	333	632	127	215	71	1668	1026
Base	2685	624	435	226	351	616	130	228	73	1539	1146
Should be legal	10%	11%	10%	5%	10%	9%	13%	10%	8%	9%	10%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	20%	20%	17%	25%	22%	22%	26%	23%	23%	19%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	63%	65%	64%	72%	61%	62%	58%	60%	62%	63%	63%
Don't know	6%	5%	6%	6%	4%	7%	8%	4%	6%	4%	8%

Q41. Do you think selling soft drugs (such as cannabis or speed), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2704	649	438	233	337	636	127	213	71	1672	1032
Base	2695	626	435	228	356	620	130	226	73	1542	1153
Should be legal	25%	25%	28%	21%	24%	23%	27%	28%	36%	25%	25%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	22%	21%	20%	21%	23%	22%	25%	16%	22%	22%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	45%	46%	44%	50%	47%	44%	40%	40%	40%	47%	42%
Don't know	8%	7%	7%	9%	8%	10%	10%	7%	8%	6%	11%

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Total	Marital status							2019 GE election vote			Recreational drug use - overall	
	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)

Q38. Generally speaking, do you think drug laws in the UK are too strict, too lenient, or about right?

Unweighted base	2708	29	202	390	1168	692	43	114	892	820	268	1050	1572
Base	2697	29	179	392	1085	779	44	102	844	798	248	1046	1558
Too strict	27%	45%	20%	40%	20%	34%	13%	10%	13%	40%	34%	46%	14%
About right	24%	12%	26%	22%	26%	23%	41%	31%	28%	21%	25%	23%	26%
Too lenient	34%	31%	41%	27%	41%	24%	29%	45%	50%	21%	27%	19%	45%
Don't know	15%	12%	14%	12%	12%	20%	17%	14%	9%	18%	13%	12%	15%

Q39. Do you think the possession of soft drugs (such as speed or cannabis), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2705	29	201	390	1166	692	43	114	891	820	267	1047	1572
Base	2695	29	178	392	1084	779	44	102	843	798	247	1044	1559
Should be legal	39%	46%	31%	52%	33%	44%	51%	25%	24%	51%	43%	64%	22%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	32%	22%	39%	27%	36%	27%	25%	39%	36%	31%	34%	26%	36%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	22%	23%	23%	15%	25%	18%	15%	27%	34%	11%	18%	8%	31%
Don't know	8%	9%	7%	6%	7%	11%	9%	9%	6%	7%	5%	3%	11%

Q40. Do you think the possession of hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2694	28	200	388	1164	689	43	112	886	816	266	1043	1568
Base	2685	28	177	390	1082	776	44	100	839	794	247	1040	1555
Should be legal	10%	10%	4%	14%	7%	14%	11%	4%	5%	14%	12%	15%	5%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	22%	19%	29%	18%	24%	27%	24%	10%	32%	24%	34%	13%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	63%	58%	74%	53%	70%	54%	59%	68%	82%	47%	59%	48%	75%
Don't know	6%	9%	4%	4%	5%	8%	4%	4%	3%	7%	5%	3%	6%

Q41. Do you think selling soft drugs (such as cannabis or speed), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2704	29	201	389	1166	692	43	113	890	819	268	1048	1571
Base	2695	29	178	391	1083	779	44	101	842	797	248	1045	1557
Should be legal	25%	27%	18%	32%	21%	30%	24%	18%	14%	33%	25%	43%	13%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	26%	27%	27%	20%	22%	19%	16%	19%	25%	25%	27%	18%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	45%	34%	49%	33%	52%	37%	45%	57%	61%	33%	41%	25%	59%
Don't know	8%	13%	7%	9%	7%	10%	11%	9%	6%	9%	8%	6%	9%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is? Very big problem/ Fairly big problem
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	

Q38. Generally speaking, do you think drug laws in the UK are too strict, too lenient, or about right?

Unweighted base	2708	1050	1572	86	1038	1587	362	2291	1559	1122	201	836	1425
Base	2697	1046	1558	92	1035	1572	381	2256	1497	1163	219	811	1432
Too strict	27%	46%	14%	27%	47%	14%	57%	22%	23%	32%	70%	39%	23%
About right	24%	23%	26%	17%	22%	26%	18%	25%	25%	24%	18%	24%	23%
Too lenient	34%	19%	45%	23%	19%	45%	16%	38%	38%	29%	4%	23%	43%
Don't know	15%	12%	15%	33%	12%	15%	9%	15%	13%	15%	8%	13%	11%

Q39. Do you think the possession of soft drugs (such as speed or cannabis), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2705	1047	1572	86	1035	1587	361	2289	1558	1120	200	834	1423
Base	2695	1044	1559	92	1032	1573	380	2255	1496	1161	218	810	1430
Should be legal	39%	64%	22%	36%	64%	22%	70%	34%	35%	44%	87%	57%	35%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	32%	26%	36%	21%	26%	36%	19%	34%	35%	28%	10%	30%	32%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	22%	8%	31%	14%	8%	31%	9%	24%	23%	19%	2%	9%	26%
Don't know	8%	3%	11%	29%	3%	11%	1%	8%	6%	9%	1%	3%	6%

Q40. Do you think the possession of hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2694	1043	1568	83	1031	1583	359	2281	1546	1121	197	833	1415
Base	2685	1040	1555	90	1028	1569	378	2248	1486	1162	215	809	1424
Should be legal	10%	15%	5%	15%	15%	5%	23%	7%	8%	11%	26%	13%	7%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	34%	13%	22%	34%	14%	43%	18%	21%	23%	51%	29%	20%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	63%	48%	75%	35%	48%	75%	32%	70%	66%	60%	22%	55%	70%
Don't know	6%	3%	6%	27%	3%	6%	2%	5%	5%	6%	2%	3%	3%

Q41. Do you think selling soft drugs (such as cannabis or speed), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2704	1048	1571	85	1036	1586	362	2287	1555	1122	201	834	1423
Base	2695	1045	1557	92	1033	1571	381	2253	1493	1164	219	810	1430
Should be legal	25%	43%	13%	21%	43%	13%	49%	21%	22%	29%	64%	37%	22%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	22%	27%	18%	22%	27%	19%	24%	22%	23%	20%	26%	27%	23%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	45%	25%	59%	28%	24%	59%	20%	50%	48%	42%	7%	30%	50%
Don't know	8%	6%	9%	29%	6%	9%	7%	7%	7%	9%	4%	6%	6%

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Total	Gender		Agegroup 16			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

Q42. Do you think selling hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2692	1231	1461	194	678	836	984
Base	2683	1298	1385	351	665	800	867
Should be legal	6%	8%	3%	6%	8%	7%	3%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	7%	9%	5%	9%	11%	6%	4%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	82%	79%	85%	74%	73%	82%	92%
Don't know	5%	4%	7%	10%	8%	5%	2%

Q43. Do you think drug addiction is mostly down to personal choice or mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control?

Unweighted base	2708	1235	1473	195	685	840	988
Base	2698	1302	1396	353	671	803	870
Mostly down to a personal choice	30%	34%	27%	20%	24%	31%	39%
Mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control	19%	18%	20%	28%	23%	17%	14%
Both equally	45%	42%	47%	42%	46%	45%	44%
Neither	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Don't know	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%	5%	3%

Q44. Do you think that those who are addicted to drugs should be dealt with mainly by the police and the courts or mainly by the National Health Service?

Unweighted base	2701	1232	1469	193	683	838	987
Base	2690	1298	1392	350	669	801	869
Mainly by the police and the courts	17%	20%	14%	17%	12%	15%	23%
Mainly by the National Health Service	32%	35%	29%	44%	40%	30%	23%
Both equally	43%	39%	47%	28%	38%	46%	50%
Neither	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Don't know	6%	5%	8%	9%	8%	6%	4%

Q45. Do you think you would or would not break up with someone if they turned out to have a drug problem?

Unweighted base	2709	1235	1474	194	686	841	988
Base	2698	1302	1397	352	672	804	870
I would, if they didn't want to do anything about it	55%	53%	56%	56%	55%	54%	56%
I would, even if they wanted to do something about it	18%	15%	21%	14%	15%	17%	23%
I would not	9%	13%	5%	13%	9%	10%	6%
Don't know	18%	19%	17%	18%	21%	19%	15%

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	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Q42. Do you think selling hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2692	42	152	315	363	424	412	450	534	2282	127	213	70
Base	2683	172	179	329	336	408	392	389	478	2254	130	226	72
Should be legal	6%	9%	4%	10%	6%	11%	3%	4%	2%	6%	4%	5%	5%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	7%	9%	9%	15%	8%	9%	4%	5%	3%	7%	6%	8%	4%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	82%	80%	69%	68%	78%	75%	88%	90%	92%	81%	82%	84%	84%
Don't know	5%	2%	18%	7%	9%	5%	5%	1%	3%	5%	8%	4%	7%

Q43. Do you think drug addiction is mostly down to personal choice or mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control?

Unweighted base	2708	42	153	316	369	425	415	452	536	2297	127	213	71
Base	2698	172	181	330	342	409	394	391	480	2268	130	227	73
Mostly down to a personal choice	30%	27%	14%	26%	22%	35%	28%	43%	35%	30%	38%	32%	34%
Mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control	19%	24%	32%	23%	23%	18%	17%	12%	15%	19%	16%	20%	18%
Both equally	45%	40%	45%	44%	47%	42%	49%	41%	46%	45%	43%	45%	42%
Neither	1%	3%	4%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	1%
Don't know	5%	7%	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	2%	4%	4%

Q44. Do you think that those who are addicted to drugs should be dealt with mainly by the police and the courts or mainly by the National Health Service?

Unweighted base	2701	42	151	315	368	423	415	452	535	2291	126	213	71
Base	2690	172	178	328	341	407	394	391	479	2260	129	227	73
Mainly by the police and the courts	17%	22%	13%	12%	11%	17%	13%	29%	18%	17%	15%	18%	13%
Mainly by the National Health Service	32%	40%	47%	43%	36%	33%	27%	27%	19%	31%	35%	39%	35%
Both equally	43%	29%	27%	36%	40%	42%	51%	42%	57%	43%	47%	37%	49%
Neither	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	-
Don't know	6%	7%	10%	7%	10%	5%	8%	2%	5%	7%	2%	4%	3%

Q45. Do you think you would or would not break up with someone if they turned out to have a drug problem?

Unweighted base	2709	42	152	316	370	425	416	452	536	2296	127	215	71
Base	2698	172	180	330	342	409	395	390	480	2266	130	228	73
I would, if they didn't want to do anything about it	55%	49%	62%	53%	56%	50%	58%	59%	52%	54%	54%	59%	57%
I would, even if they wanted to do something about it	18%	20%	9%	13%	18%	13%	21%	16%	28%	18%	19%	17%	23%
I would not	9%	15%	10%	11%	7%	16%	4%	10%	4%	9%	10%	12%	5%
Don't know	18%	16%	19%	23%	19%	21%	18%	15%	15%	19%	17%	12%	15%

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Q42. Do you think selling hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2692	645	438	231	334	634	127	213	70	1664	1028
Base	2683	623	435	226	352	618	130	226	72	1535	1148
Should be legal	6%	6%	7%	3%	8%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	6%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	7%	8%	6%	5%	9%	7%	6%	8%	4%	7%	8%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	82%	82%	81%	87%	77%	82%	82%	84%	84%	84%	79%
Don't know	5%	4%	6%	4%	6%	6%	8%	4%	7%	4%	7%

Q43. Do you think drug addiction is mostly down to personal choice or mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control?

Unweighted base	2708	652	439	233	337	636	127	213	71	1671	1037
Base	2698	629	435	228	356	620	130	227	73	1541	1157
Mostly down to a personal choice	30%	32%	33%	29%	22%	30%	38%	32%	34%	30%	32%
Mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control	19%	18%	16%	20%	26%	18%	16%	20%	18%	21%	17%
Both equally	45%	44%	47%	44%	45%	44%	43%	45%	42%	45%	43%
Neither	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	5%	5%	3%	6%	4%	7%	2%	4%	4%	4%	7%

Q44. Do you think that those who are addicted to drugs should be dealt with mainly by the police and the courts or mainly by the National Health Service?

Unweighted base	2701	652	437	233	334	635	126	213	71	1669	1032
Base	2690	629	434	228	351	619	129	227	73	1538	1151
Mainly by the police and the courts	17%	18%	18%	18%	14%	17%	15%	18%	13%	15%	20%
Mainly by the National Health Service	32%	27%	35%	29%	37%	29%	35%	39%	35%	33%	30%
Both equally	43%	47%	41%	43%	41%	43%	47%	37%	49%	46%	40%
Neither	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	-	2%	2%
Don't know	6%	6%	5%	8%	6%	10%	2%	4%	3%	4%	9%

Q45. Do you think you would or would not break up with someone if they turned out to have a drug problem?

Unweighted base	2709	651	439	233	337	636	127	215	71	1674	1035
Base	2698	628	435	228	356	620	130	228	73	1544	1155
I would, if they didn't want to do anything about it	55%	55%	51%	57%	53%	55%	54%	59%	57%	56%	53%
I would, even if they wanted to do something about it	18%	18%	21%	18%	18%	16%	19%	17%	23%	19%	17%
I would not	9%	9%	10%	6%	8%	9%	10%	12%	5%	8%	11%
Don't know	18%	18%	17%	19%	21%	20%	17%	12%	15%	17%	19%

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Total	Marital status							2019 GE election vote			Recreational drug use - overall	
	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)

Q42. Do you think selling hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2692	29	202	387	1158	690	43	113	887	815	268	1041	1566
Base	2683	29	179	389	1077	777	44	101	840	793	248	1038	1554
Should be legal	6%	7%	3%	9%	4%	8%	2%	1%	4%	8%	5%	10%	3%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	7%	7%	3%	10%	6%	9%	6%	8%	3%	11%	9%	12%	4%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	82%	77%	90%	75%	87%	75%	86%	88%	92%	75%	83%	75%	88%
Don't know	5%	9%	3%	7%	3%	8%	6%	3%	2%	7%	3%	4%	5%

Q43. Do you think drug addiction is mostly down to personal choice or mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control?

Unweighted base	2708	29	202	390	1166	692	43	115	890	820	268	1050	1570
Base	2698	29	179	392	1083	779	44	103	842	798	248	1046	1557
Mostly down to a personal choice	30%	23%	34%	27%	33%	27%	24%	40%	48%	17%	27%	26%	34%
Mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control	19%	17%	17%	24%	17%	21%	19%	9%	11%	30%	17%	25%	15%
Both equally	45%	45%	45%	43%	46%	44%	48%	43%	38%	47%	52%	46%	44%
Neither	1%	-	-	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Don't know	5%	16%	4%	6%	3%	6%	7%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	5%

Q44. Do you think that those who are addicted to drugs should be dealt with mainly by the police and the courts or mainly by the National Health Service?

Unweighted base	2701	29	202	389	1164	691	42	115	888	819	268	1047	1570
Base	2690	29	179	391	1081	778	42	103	840	797	248	1043	1557
Mainly by the police and the courts	17%	15%	21%	13%	19%	14%	9%	21%	29%	8%	10%	10%	22%
Mainly by the National Health Service	32%	28%	25%	41%	26%	40%	31%	11%	13%	47%	42%	47%	22%
Both equally	43%	41%	47%	38%	49%	34%	54%	63%	51%	39%	45%	39%	47%
Neither	2%	-	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Don't know	6%	16%	3%	7%	5%	9%	2%	4%	5%	5%	3%	3%	7%

Q45. Do you think you would or would not break up with someone if they turned out to have a drug problem?

Unweighted base	2709	29	202	390	1167	692	43	115	892	818	268	1050	1571
Base	2698	29	179	392	1084	779	44	103	844	795	248	1046	1557
I would, if they didn't want to do anything about it	55%	45%	54%	55%	55%	56%	64%	48%	56%	56%	52%	59%	54%
I would, even if they wanted to do something about it	18%	16%	26%	14%	19%	16%	13%	30%	25%	12%	19%	11%	23%
I would not	9%	10%	6%	13%	8%	8%	6%	8%	6%	10%	9%	13%	6%
Don't know	18%	29%	14%	18%	18%	20%	17%	13%	13%	21%	21%	17%	17%

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Total	Recreational drug use - overall			Soft drugs use		Hard drugs use		Currently taking prescription drugs		Currently taking drugs		And how big a problem, if at all, do you think drug use is? Very big problem/ Fairly big problem
	Yes	No (no soft and no hard drugs)	Prefer not to say/ Don't know	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	

Q42. Do you think selling hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), should be legal or illegal?

Unweighted base	2692	1041	1566	85	1029	1581	359	2278	1552	1112	201	827	1417
Base	2683	1038	1554	92	1027	1568	378	2245	1491	1154	219	803	1425
Should be legal	6%	10%	3%	11%	9%	3%	14%	4%	5%	6%	18%	7%	5%
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	7%	12%	4%	6%	11%	4%	20%	5%	7%	7%	24%	8%	7%
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	82%	75%	88%	53%	75%	88%	62%	86%	84%	80%	53%	81%	86%
Don't know	5%	4%	5%	30%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%	6%	4%	3%

Q43. Do you think drug addiction is mostly down to personal choice or mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control?

Unweighted base	2708	1050	1570	88	1038	1585	362	2289	1558	1122	201	836	1422
Base	2698	1046	1557	95	1035	1571	381	2254	1496	1164	219	811	1429
Mostly down to a personal choice	30%	26%	34%	13%	26%	34%	27%	32%	33%	28%	22%	28%	33%
Mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control	19%	25%	15%	23%	25%	15%	27%	18%	18%	21%	36%	22%	19%
Both equally	45%	46%	44%	27%	46%	44%	43%	45%	45%	45%	39%	48%	45%
Neither	1%	0%	1%	4%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-	0%	1%
Don't know	5%	3%	5%	34%	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	6%	2%	3%	3%

Q44. Do you think that those who are addicted to drugs should be dealt with mainly by the police and the courts or mainly by the National Health Service?

Unweighted base	2701	1047	1570	84	1036	1584	360	2288	1553	1121	201	834	1421
Base	2690	1043	1557	90	1033	1570	379	2254	1491	1162	219	809	1428
Mainly by the police and the courts	17%	10%	22%	10%	10%	22%	8%	19%	19%	15%	7%	11%	19%
Mainly by the National Health Service	32%	47%	22%	27%	47%	22%	51%	29%	28%	37%	61%	43%	29%
Both equally	43%	39%	47%	24%	39%	47%	34%	45%	47%	38%	28%	42%	46%
Neither	2%	2%	1%	7%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	6%	3%	7%	32%	3%	7%	3%	6%	5%	7%	2%	3%	4%

Q45. Do you think you would or would not break up with someone if they turned out to have a drug problem?

Unweighted base	2709	1050	1571	88	1038	1586	362	2290	1558	1123	201	836	1423
Base	2698	1046	1557	95	1035	1571	381	2255	1495	1165	219	811	1430
I would, if they didn't want to do anything about it	55%	59%	54%	24%	59%	54%	54%	56%	56%	55%	49%	62%	58%
I would, even if they wanted to do something about it	18%	11%	23%	16%	11%	23%	13%	19%	21%	16%	10%	11%	19%
I would not	9%	13%	6%	14%	13%	6%	18%	7%	8%	9%	24%	10%	9%
Don't know	18%	17%	17%	46%	17%	17%	16%	17%	15%	20%	18%	17%	14%